

# GROUPS DISCUSSION GUIDE

Get Into The Word

*Leader Edition*



Week of Sunday January 19, 2025

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# Living out our God-given calling as we follow Jesus and make disciples every day.

## Introduction

In Luke 14:25-33, we will dive into how Jesus calls us to consider the true cost of discipleship. As we explore this passage, we are challenged to evaluate our priorities and allegiances. Jesus emphasizes that being His disciple means placing Him above all else, even our closest relationships and comforts. We have to ask ourselves what it means to bear our own cross and the practical steps we can take to live committed lives of faith, fully engaged with our spiritual journey and relationship with Christ.

## Disciple Measure

**Spirit-Led Follower:** What has had your attention, thoughts, and energy recently?

Notes:

# Discussion Questions

## Counting the Cost of Following Jesus

### HIGHLIGHT

*Have someone read aloud...*

[Luke 14:24-33](#)

### EXPLAIN

*Discuss the following questions...*

**Opening Question:** Share a time when you had to make a significant commitment or investment in something. How did you prepare for it, and what was the outcome?

1. What does it mean to "hate" family members in the context of following Jesus? How does this challenge our understanding of priorities?
2. How does understanding the Hebrew context of "hate" meaning "to love less" change your perspective on this passage?
3. What are some potential costs of following Jesus that people should be aware of before committing?
4. How can we distinguish between being part of the "crowd" and being a true disciple of Jesus?

Have someone read aloud [John 6:60-65](#).

5. Why do you think Jesus consistently challenges large crowds with difficult teachings like this?

# Application Questions

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## APPLY

*Discuss the following questions...*

1. In what areas of your life do you find it most challenging to put Christ first? Why?
2. In what ways have you experienced both the challenges and rewards of following Christ?
3. What are some ways you would describe your current level of commitment to Christ?
4. Choose one spiritual discipline (e.g., prayer, Bible study, fasting) to focus on for the next month to grow as a disciple.
5. How can you share your faith journey with someone this week, including both the challenges and blessings of following Christ?

## RESPOND

Force for Good: How can you help others around you take another step closer to Jesus?

Next Sunday, 1/26, we have the opportunity to help men take their next step closer at the LH Men’s Conf. You can scan the QR code to find out more and volunteer.



### Prayer:

Pray to thank Jesus for calling us to be His disciples. Help us to count the cost and commit fully to following Jesus. Give us the strength to put Jesus first in all areas of our lives. May we experience the deep joy and peace that comes from true discipleship.

# Questions for Families

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*Here are some questions you can discuss with the whole family.*

## **Luke 14:24-33**

**What do you think Jesus means when he says we should love him more than our family?**

Guide for Parents: For younger children, explain that Jesus wants to be the most important in our hearts, even more important than things or people we love. For older children, discuss how this means putting Jesus first in making choices and living our lives.

**Why do you think Jesus talks about thinking carefully before deciding to follow him? What does this teach us about making big decisions?**

Guide for Parents: Encourage younger children to share examples of big decisions they have made or seen, like choosing a school activity. For older children, talk about the importance of understanding responsibilities and being prepared to commit to decisions fully.

**How can we show that we are true followers of Jesus in our daily lives?**

Guide for Parents: Help younger kids brainstorm simple actions like sharing, being kind, or praying. With older children, discuss more complex ideas like showing honesty, helping others in need, or standing up for what's right, even when it's hard.

# NT 260

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## **WEEK: 4**

- Luke 16
- Luke 17
- Luke 18
- Luke 19
- Luke 20

**MEMORY VERSE:** Matthew 5:7-8

# Resources

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## Resources to Listen To

### **BEMA Podcast - Luke Ordered**



Marty Solomon dives into an overview of the book of Luke. Scan the QR code or click [here](#).

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## Resources to Watch

### **Importance of H.E.A.R. Journals - Sermon +**



To learn more about the H.E.A.R. model of journaling check out Pastor Robby's Sermon+ click [here](#).

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## **Life Group Resources**

We have a variety of resources and are continually adding new ones. Some of our resources include group launch guides, on-demand training modules, and curriculum resources. To request a resource, reach out to us at [groups@longhollow.com](mailto:groups@longhollow.com).

## **D-Group Resources**

If you or someone you know would like to start a D-group, we have everything you need, including reading plans, journals, and a launch guide to walk you through the first four meetings.









# Sermon Notes

Luke 14:24-33 CSB

For I tell you, not one of those people who were invited will enjoy my banquet.’ ” Now great crowds were traveling with him. So he turned and said to them, “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters #— #yes, and even his own life #— #he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. “For which of you, wanting to build a tower, doesn’t first sit down and calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, after he has laid the foundation and cannot finish it, all the onlookers will begin to ridicule him, saying, ‘This man started to build and wasn’t able to finish.’ “Or what king, going to war against another king, will not first sit down and decide if he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If not, while the other is still far off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. In the same way, therefore, every one of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.

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## Living out our God-given calling as we follow Jesus and make disciples every day.

### *Spirit-Led Follower*

A disciple who walks with Jesus daily, anchoring their lives to God's Word and obediently following the Holy Spirit where He leads.

### *Intentional Friend*

A disciple who is always looking for ways to care for others and meet their needs. This is a practical way to be present in the lives of those around us.

### *Humble Guide*

A disciple who is a humble guide takes every opportunity to help people take their next step closer to Jesus. This is someone who is constantly looking for opportunities to have Gospel conversations and speak truth into someone's life.

### *Force For Good*

When a disciple lives out their God-given calling, they naturally become a force for good where they live, work, and play. This type of person is looking for opportunities to meet needs, heal brokenness, and bring tangible hope to the people in their life and in their community.



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