

radical rule

Luke 6.12-26

This discussion guide includes preparation BEFORE the group and some guidance DURING the group meeting. Preparation before the group will help you, your leader, and your group to engage and respond to the living and active Word of God.



PREPARATION BEFORE THE GROUP MEETS:

The aim of this preparation is to encourage good & prayerful observation of the text of God's word and the joyful experience of discovering its truth.

Pray & read Luke 6.12-26

What are the two most striking things in this reading?

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What puzzles you the most in this reading?

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How does this reading make you **feel**?

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What do you **think** in response to this reading?

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What will you **do** in response to this reading?

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WHEN THE GROUP MEETS: Pray for your discussion time

the humbly powerful & good king | read Luke 6.12-19 – [check to see if anyone had a stand-out, or something puzzling from this section]

▸ What in this passage demonstrates that Jesus is humble, powerful and good?

blessing & woe | read Luke 6.20-26

▸ Who is Jesus addressing? (v20)

▸ Where and when will the disciples of Jesus be poor, hungry, weeping, hated, excluded, insulted, rejected? Why are they *blessed*?

▸ What does Jesus warn his disciples against? Why these things, do you think?

▸ Jesus teaches about the *blessed* life and the life that ends in *woe* and concludes both with a reference to the prophets. Why do you think that is? How could being a prophet or false prophet apply to your own discipleship? (when thinking about prophecy just think about *speaking/applying the word of the Lord to yourself and others*)

Think it through: radical rule

▸ How does the rule of the kingdom of God feel and look radical compared to the rule of the kingdom of this world?

▸ Discuss if you have embraced the radical rule of the kingdom of Jesus: Can you diagnose one or two of the areas that Jesus pinpoints where you can live more radically? (Is it possible to try to be too radical?)

▸ What about the humble, powerful and good example of Jesus helps you live the *blessed* life?

PRAY!