

Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together"

For the week of 7-17-2022

For You as the Teacher/Host

Remember to begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

Quick Review Discuss the message briefly. Did anything challenge or confuse you?

***Opener Question or Activity:** What was something you were taught when you were younger that you really enjoyed or stayed with you in life? Who was the person who taught you and how did you view their efforts at the time? Today?

Sunday's Main Scripture Text: Luke 9:21-27 - Follow

Digging Deeper: *(Teachers/leaders, feel the freedom to not ask every question)*

Read Luke 14:25-35 together

1. How would you feel if you were in the "large crowd" and heard the words Jesus spoke, specifically in vrs. 26-27? What do you think He means?
2. What are the "crosses" you may carry in your life(vs 27)?
3. Jesus uses two analogies to bring His point home in vrs. 28-32. Why would Jesus use these analogies to help understand counting the cost of following Him?
4. Look at vs 33 and discuss how giving up everything applies for us today.
5. At the end of this passage, Jesus brings up salt as a metaphor. It can be physically diluted or contaminated to lose its saltiness. How does a Christian maintain his/her saltiness?
6. When you review this passage, what is the one thing that is staying with you about being a disciple for Jesus?

Apply it today: Looking back over this week's teaching, what is most important for you to remember and why? How will you grow in the area you have identified?