



“Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke  
to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?”

*Luke 24:32*

# *Encounter*

One Church, Encountering Jesus,  
Equipping Disciples, and Living Mercy







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# Objectives ---

## 1. Present the core message of the Gospel.

The theme for each week centers around one of the main elements of the Good News.

## 2. Facilitate an encounter with God through Scripture.

This series does not primarily provide an *education* in faith, but *life transformation* through an encounter with the living God.

## 3. Engage hearts through an experience of beauty.

The Psalm and painting for each week help engage the emotions and arouse the imagination as aids to prayer.

## 4. Form authentic friendships.

Make time for casual conversation and the sharing of life together outside of the weekly meetings.

## 5. Encourage a decision to follow Jesus.

The Encounter Bible study is designed to foster initial conversion by helping people to experience God's personal love for them through the reading of Scripture and by evoking a response to follow Jesus as his disciple.

At the end of week 5, schedule a one-on-one meeting with each participant. This will be an opportunity for you to pray WRAP together, discuss how the scripture series has been stirring their heart, and present the Gospel to them.

## 6. Send out witnesses to share the Good News.

As Pope Francis said in *The Joy of the Gospel*, "anyone who has truly experienced God's saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love." We expect that many who complete the series as a participant will go on to lead their own group with encouragement and minimal coaching.



# — Who do I invite?

Those most likely to benefit from the *Encounter* Bible study are those who:

- Have a passive curiosity about Jesus, his life, and his teachings
- Want something more out of life than what they are experiencing, and are open to change
- Are actively seeking to know God and to decide whether they can entrust their life to him

*Note: These characteristics refer to internal dispositions and attitudes that are best discovered through personal conversations where individuals feel heard and respected.*

## Disclaimers

1. *This is not group counseling.* If someone is experiencing strong emotion (particularly if it is a negative emotion), some in the group may be tempted to step in to comfort in a way that could be distracting for the rest of the group. Do your best to redirect the conversation and allow Jesus to finish what he has started in their heart.
2. *This is more than intellectual discussion.* We are not primarily seeking intellectual understanding, but prayer – a heart to heart conversation with God. As such, historical background, language, and other intellectual insights are best left to another time.



# Suggested Meeting Outline

20 Minutes	Casual Conversation	Provide your group members an opportunity to build relationships – it will allow them to be more honest in later group discussions.
10 Minutes	Psalm & Conversation Starters	Read the Psalm aloud and check in on last week's group action.
45 Minutes	WRAP with the Gospel	Ask for a volunteer to read the Gospel passage aloud; then follow the process for WRAP as outlined in the guide.
10 Minutes	Going Deeper	Read the Scripture verses and ask the "going deeper questions" to guide your group's discussion.
5 Minutes	Group Action & Psalm	Introduce the group action and encourage your group to take the challenge. Then read the Psalm aloud as a closing prayer.
Total Time: 90 Minutes	End on Time	Everyone is free to leave at this point, but the leader should be prepared to stick around for anyone would like to continue the discussion.



1. Pray to the Holy Spirit for open hearts and the gift of prayer. Draw your group members' attention to any particular graces they are seeking in this time.
2. **WRITE**
  - a. **Read the Passage Aloud.** It is best to have a consistent reader, as some people get distracted as reading styles change.
  - b. Guide your group members to notice where the Lord draws their attention and **write** it down. This could be a word, phrase, or image. Give them permission to re-read the passage silently.
  - c. Invite anyone in your group who feels comfortable to share what the Lord is bringing to their attention. Acknowledge their contributions with a simple smile while encouraging silence rather than conversation at this point.
3. **REFLECT**
  - a. Read it aloud again
  - b. Invite your group members to deeper reflection on the scripture passage, saying something like, "Let the Lord draw your mind back to what initially grabbed your attention and use your imagination and intellect to **reflect** on what is going on in the passage."
  - c. Allow your group members time to write, then invite them to share as they feel comfortable.
4. **APPLY**
  - a. Read the passage aloud a final time.
  - b. Invite your group members to see the personal application of the Gospel passage, saying something like, "This time make it personal as you **apply** the passage to yourself. Where are you in the story?"
  - c. Allow time for writing, then invite people to share.
5. **PRAY**
  - a. Allow time for each member of your group to write a personal **prayer** in response to God.
  - b. Close with an Our Father.

# The WRAP Method

\*WRAP is an acronym and method for Lectio Divina from the book WRAP Yourself In Scripture © by Karen & Lawrence Dwyer published by The Institute for Priestly Formation (2011, 2018). The WRAP Method involves four steps: Write, Reflect, Apply, and Pray with Scripture.



# Keys for Success

**1. Complete the *Small Group Action Plan* (on the next pages).**

The Bible Study Action Plan will guide you through all of the logistical considerations of beginning a Bible Study.

**2. Pray for your group members daily.**

God is the one who changes hearts. Ask him every day to supply the grace needed for deep and lasting conversion of hearts.

**3. Read the participant guide ahead of time.**

Pray through the Gospel passage for the upcoming week ahead of time, and think through how you might answer the discussion questions.

**4. Meet Weekly.**

We recommend your group meet weekly through the initial study for consistency and maximum impact. However, if your group continues to meet, you might consider adjusting your meeting frequency to bi-weekly.

**5. Meet Seasonally.**

Some seasons of life are busier than others. It is a good idea to take periodic breaks, asking for commitments of around 5-8 weeks at a time.

**6. Facilitate discussion instead of teaching.**

Setting yourself up as the "teacher" can discourage participation from group members who are unsure of what they believe or who already feel like they don't belong. Trust that Jesus is revealing himself to them through their prayer with the scriptures, in just the way they need.

**7. Build relationships with your group members.**

Disciples are made in the context of authentic friendships. So, your effectiveness as a group leader and disciple-maker requires that you maximize the amount of time you spend together with your group outside the formal group time.

**8. Cast vision for multiplying groups.**

As you near the end of the series, begin encouraging your group members to look beyond your group to other people in their lives who might be ready to hear the Good News of Jesus. It is important to avoid an insular mentality – sharing the love of Jesus should be a natural overflow of our own encounter.





# Small Group Action Plan



# Questions for Reflection

## **Stepping Out in Faith**

“Jesus said to them, ‘How many loaves do you have?’” What “loaves” do you have that the Lord can bless and multiply? (e.g., hospitality, listening ears, gift of gab, etc.).

List any fears about leading a small group that might be holding you back (e.g., lack of knowledge, fear of making invitations, disqualifying past, etc).

## **Help from the Lord**

Who might help you co-lead as your “wingman” if you asked them?

Who will you ask to keep you accountable to this Action Plan, through both encouragement and practical coaching?



# Logistics

**Choose Day of the Week:**

- Sun
- Mon
- Tues
- Wed
- Thurs
- Fri
- Sat

**Choose Location:**

- My home
- Conference room at work
- Someone else’s home
- Zoom
- Coffee shop
- Park
- Other location: \_\_\_\_\_

**Choose Time:**

- Before work
- Over lunch
- After weekend Mass
- In the evening
- After parish/school event
- Other time

**Target Start Date:** \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

**Make Invitations By:** \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

**Childcare Options:**

- No childcare
- Grandparents
- Split cost of a sitter
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Possible Roles to Delegate to Other Members of the Group:**

- Provide drinks
- Icebreaker
- Provide snacks
- Opening prayer
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Set Time:**

Start: \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_ am/pm  
End: \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_ am/pm



## Identifying your Mission Field

List the different affinity groups in which you consider yourself an “insider” (e.g., school parents, soccer moms, co-workers, neighborhood friends, etc). Consider others who belong to these groups as potential small group participants.

Use the table on the next page to plan your invitations:

1. Begin listing the names of people you could invite to your small group (6-10 attendees is ideal)
2. Ask the Lord why he wants that person to come, and write that down (use this reason when you make your invitation)
3. Think about when you will see the person and have an opportunity for a face-to-face conversation (if at all possible) – when and how will you strike up a conversation?
4. Pray for these people by name, both now and throughout your small groups









# Encounter Study





## Week One: God Loves Me

### Psalm 139:1-5, 13-14

LORD, you have probed me, you know me:  
you know when I sit and stand;  
you understand my thoughts from afar.

You sift through my travels and my rest;  
with all my ways you are familiar.

Even before a word is on my tongue,  
LORD, you know it all.

Behind and before you encircle me  
and rest your hand upon me.

You formed my inmost being;  
you knit me in my mother's womb.

I praise you, because I am wonderfully made;  
wonderful are your works!

My very self you know.

### Conversation Starter

1. Someone once said, "If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it." How do you react to that statement?
2. If you could ask God any one question and get an answer, what would you ask and why?



*Woman and Child Seated in a Garden*, c. 1881 (Mary Cassatt)



*Week One:*  
**God Loves Me**

**WRAP with the Gospel - Luke 12:22-31**

He said to disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life and what you will eat, or about your body and what you will wear. For life is more than food and the body more than clothing. Notice the ravens: they do not sow or reap; they have neither storehouse nor barn, yet God feeds them. How much more important are you than birds! Can any of you by worrying add a moment to your life-span? If even the smallest things are beyond your control, why are you anxious about the rest? Notice how the flowers grow. They do not toil or spin. But I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of them. If God so clothes the grass in the field that grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will he not much more provide for you, O you of little faith? As for you, do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not worry anymore. All the nations of the world seek for these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these other things will be given you besides.

Write

Reflect

Apply

Pray

*Week One:*  
**God Loves Me**

## Going Deeper Questions

*Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." (Mt 11:28)*

1. When does life feel most burdensome to you?
2. What do you think Jesus means when he says that if you come to him he will give you rest?

## Summary Thought

You are not merely an accident or an afterthought, but the intentional creation of a loving God. And because he loves you, you can trust him to provide for everything you need.

## Group Action

Make a list of all the things in your life for which you are most grateful (e.g. family, friends, career, experiences, etc.). Put it in a place where you will see it often.

## Psalm 139:1-5, 13-14

LORD, you have probed me, you know me:  
you know when I sit and stand;  
you understand my thoughts from afar.  
You sift through my travels and my rest;  
with all my ways you are familiar.  
Even before a word is on my tongue,  
LORD, you know it all.

Behind and before you encircle me  
and rest your hand upon me.  
You formed my inmost being;  
you knit me in my mother's womb.  
I praise you, because I am wonderfully made;  
wonderful are your works!  
My very self you know.







## Week Two: God Made Me for Relationship

### Psalm 103:8-13

Merciful and gracious is the LORD,  
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.  
He will not always accuse,  
and nurses no lasting anger;  
He has not dealt with us as our sins merit,  
nor requited us as our wrongs deserve.  
For as the heavens tower over the earth,

so his mercy towers over those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he removed our sins from us.  
As a father has compassion on his children,  
so the LORD has compassion  
on those who fear him.

### Conversation Starter

1. In your opinion, what are some characteristics that make someone a good father? Are those the traits that typically come to mind when you think of God?
2. Do you think more people view God as a loving father or as a harsh judge? Why?



*The Prodigal Son in Modern Life: The Return*, c. 1882 (James Tissot)



*Week Two:*  
**God Made Me for Relationship**

**WRAP with the Gospel - Matthew 18:23-35**

That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.’ Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, ‘Pay back what you owe.’ Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.’ But he refused. Instead, he had him put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?’ Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart.”

Write

Reflect

Apply

Pray



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*In the Bible, Jesus teaches us to pray, "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us" (Mt. 6:12).*

- ## Summary Thought

## Group Action

# Psalm 103:8-13

so his mercy towers over those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he removed our sins from us.  
As a father has compassion on his children,  
so the LORD has compassion  
on those who fear him.





## Week Three: Jesus Came to Forgive Me

### Psalm 25: 6-8, 11, 16-18

Remember your compassion and your mercy,

O LORD, for they are ages old.

Remember no more the sins of my youth;

remember me according to your mercy,  
because of your goodness, LORD.

Good and upright is the LORD,  
therefore he shows sinners the way,

For the sake of your name, LORD,

pardon my guilt, though it is great.

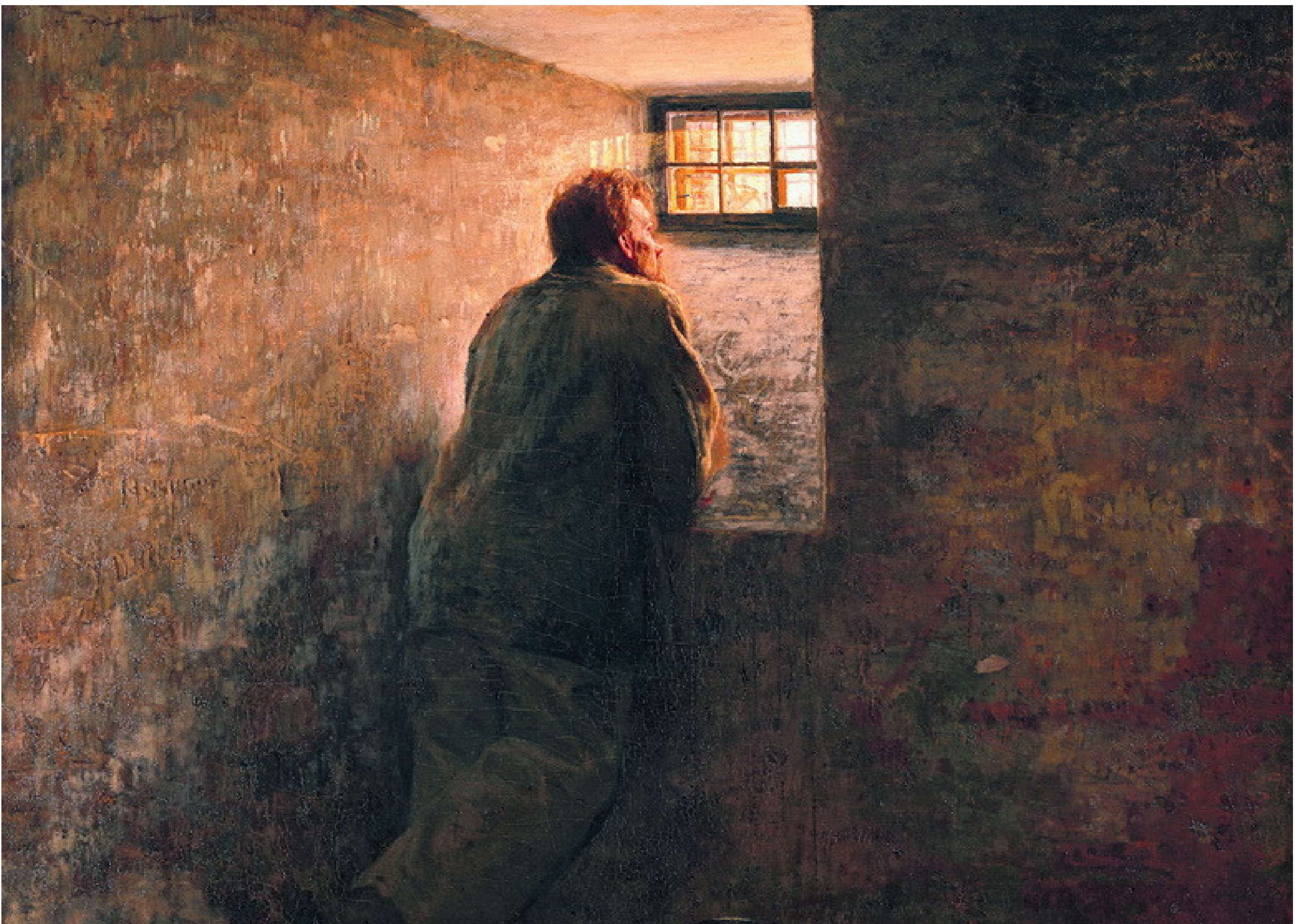
Look upon me, have pity on me,  
for I am alone and afflicted.

Relieve the troubles of my heart;  
bring me out of my distress.

Look upon my affliction and suffering;  
take away all my sins.

### Conversation Starter

1. What does the concept of "sin" mean to you?
2. In your opinion, what is the solution to the sin that we experience?



*The Prisoner*, c. 1878 (Nikolai Yaroshenko)

*Week Three:*  
**Jesus Came to Forgive Me**

**WRAP with the Gospel - John 8:2-11**

But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started coming to him, and he sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle. They said to him, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?” They said this to test him, so that they could have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” Again he bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. So he was left alone with the woman before him. Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” She replied, “No one, sir.” Then Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more.”

Write

Reflect

Apply

Pray



## Week Three:

# Jesus Came to Forgive Me

### Going Deeper Questions

*Jesus said, "Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners" (Mk. 2:17).*

1. What do you think Jesus means by comparing sin to a sickness that needs to be cured?

*Jesus said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin" (Jn. 8:34).*

2. Have you ever felt stuck or 'enslaved' in a pattern of sin?

### Summary Thought

God invites each person to accept his love, but we often reject him through our sins, which distance us from him. Jesus came to show the mercy of God, by forgiving our sins in order to heal us and set us free.

### Group Action

Keep track of all the things you desire this week. Are they good, healthy desires? Or are they harmful, unhealthy desires? When you experience the temptation to sin, ask Jesus to protect you.

### Psalm 25: 6-8, 11, 16-18

Remember your compassion and your mercy,

O LORD, for they are ages old.

Remember no more the sins of my youth;

remember me according to your mercy,  
because of your goodness, LORD.

Good and upright is the LORD,  
therefore he shows sinners the way,

For the sake of your name, LORD,

pardon my guilt, though it is great.

Look upon me, have pity on me,  
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Relieve the troubles of my heart;  
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Look upon my affliction and suffering;  
take away all my sins.







## Week Four: Jesus Died to Save Me

### Psalm 22:2, 17-20, 25-27

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Why so far from my call for help,  
a pack of evildoers closes in on me.

They have pierced my hands and my feet  
I can count all my bones.

They stare at me and gloat;  
they divide my garments among them;  
for my clothing they cast lots.

But you, LORD, do not stay far off;

my strength, come quickly to help me.

For he did not turn away from me,  
but heard me when I cried out.

I will offer praise in the great assembly;

The poor will eat their fill;  
those who seek the LORD will offer praise.  
May your hearts enjoy life forever!"

### Conversation Starter

1. Who in your life loves you unconditionally? Is there anyone you love no matter what they say or do?
2. Why do you think the Cross is the traditional symbol for Christianity?



*Crucifixion with the Virgin and St. John, c. 1625 (Hendrick ter Brugghen)*



*Week Four:*  
**Jesus Died to Save Me**

**WRAP with the Gospel - Luke 23:33-43**

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.” They divided his garments by casting lots. The people stood by and watched; the rulers, meanwhile, sneered at him and said, “He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Messiah of God.” Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, “If you are King of the Jews, save yourself.” Above him there was an inscription that read, “This is the King of the Jews.” Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us.” The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, “Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” He replied to him, “Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

Write

Reflect

Apply

Pray



## Week Four: Jesus Died to Save Me

### Going Deeper Questions

*God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ dies for us" (Romans 5:8).*

1. How do you react to Jesus' death on the cross? Does it feel like Jesus dies for you personally?

*"He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24).*

2. What do you think about God's solution to the problem of sin? What would your life be like if you were free from sin?

### Summary Thought

Because he loves us, Jesus freely chose to suffer and die on the cross for each one of us. He took upon himself the pain and humiliation of our sins, so that we can live transformed lives, free from the slavery of sin.

### Group Action

Spend 10 minutes looking at an image of Jesus hanging on the cross, considering how he sacrificed himself out of love for *you*.

### Psalm 22:2, 17-20, 25-27

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I can count all my bones.

They stare at me and gloat;  
they divide my garments among them;  
for my clothing they cast lots.

But you, LORD, do not stay far off;

my strength, come quickly to help me.

For he did not turn away from me,

but heard me when I cried out.

I will offer praise in the great assembly;

The poor will eat their fill;

those who seek the LORD will offer praise.

May your hearts enjoy life forever!"





## *Week Five:* **Jesus Offers Me New Life**

### **Psalm 116:3-9**

I was caught by the cords of death;  
the snares of Sheol had seized me;  
I felt agony and dread.

Then I called on the name of the LORD,  
“O LORD, save my life!”

Gracious is the LORD and righteous;  
yes, our God is merciful.

The LORD protects the simple;

I was helpless, but he saved me.

Return, my soul, to your rest;  
the LORD has been very good to you.

For my soul has been freed from death,  
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

I shall walk before the LORD  
in the land of the living.

### **Conversation Starter**

1. What do you think happens when a person dies? Do you believe in life after death?
2. In which areas of your life would you like to experience new life or the hope of a fresh start?



*The Disciples Peter and John Running to the Sepulchre on the Morning of the Resurrection, c. 1898 (Eugene Burnand)*



*Week Five:*  
**Jesus Offers Me New Life**

**WRAP with the Gospel - John 11:21-26, 38-44**

Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise.” Martha said to him, “I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the dead man’s sister, said to him, “Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, “Father,\* I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me.” And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, “Untie him and let him go.”

Write

Reflect

Apply

Pray



## Week Five:

# Jesus Offers Me New Life

### Going Deeper Questions

*God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power" (1 Corinthians 6:14).*

1. How does the resurrection of Jesus (and the resurrection of the dead) affect your thoughts about the future?

*Jesus said to Martha, "Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die," and then asks, "Do you believe this?"*

2. If Jesus asked you this question, how would you respond?

### Summary Thought

God raised Jesus from the dead and will one day raise each one of us. But we can experience the new life he offers us here and now by having faith in his promise and inviting him to be the center of our lives.

### Group Action

Schedule a one-on-one meeting with your group leader to pray WRAP together and talk about what you are taking away from this small group study so far.

### Psalm 116:3-9

I was caught by the cords of death;  
 the snares of Sheol had seized me;  
 I felt agony and dread.  
 Then I called on the name of the LORD,  
 "O LORD, save my life!"  
 Gracious is the LORD and righteous;  
 yes, our God is merciful.  
 The LORD protects the simple;

I was helpless, but he saved me.  
 Return, my soul, to your rest;  
 the LORD has been very good to you.  
 For my soul has been freed from death,  
 my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.  
 I shall walk before the LORD  
 in the land of the living.







## Week Six: Jesus Calls Me to Follow Him

### Psalm 27:4, 7-8, 11, 13

One thing I ask of the LORD;  
this I seek:  
To dwell in the LORD's house  
all the days of my life,  
To gaze on the LORD's beauty,  
to visit his temple.  
Hear my voice, LORD, when I call;

have mercy on me and answer me.

"Come," says my heart, "seek his face";  
your face, LORD, do I seek!

LORD, show me your way;  
lead me on a level path

I believe I shall see the LORD's goodness  
in the land of the living.

### Conversation Starter

1. Who are some people in your life that you admire? What about their lives would you like to imitate?
2. Does it seem like there is a clear, level path through life? Or does it sometimes feel like you are blindly wandering through a maze?



*Christ Calling the Apostles James and John, c. 1869 (Edward Armitage)*



*Week Six:*  
**Jesus Calls Me to Follow Him**

**WRAP with the Gospel - Mark 10:46-52**

They came to Jericho. And as Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, son of David, have pity on me.” And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, “Son of David, have pity on me.” Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” So they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take courage; get up, he is calling you.” He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man replied to him, “Master, I want to see.” Jesus told him, “Go your way; your faith has saved you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

Write

Reflect

Apply

Pray



## Week Six:

# Jesus Calls Me to Follow Him

### Going Deeper Questions

*"Immediately he received his sight and followed him along the way" (Mk. 10:52).*

1. What might following Jesus look like for you? Are you ready to make that commitment?

*"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Mk. 1:17).*

2. What are some things you can tell others about how you have encountered Jesus?

### Summary Thought

Jesus invites each one of us to follow him as a missionary disciple, living our lives in imitation of him and sharing the good news of his life, death, and resurrection with others.

### Group Action

This week, tell someone (a friend, family member, co-worker, etc) about how you have encountered Jesus and the difference that encounter has made in your life.

### Psalm 27:4, 7-8, 11, 13

One thing I ask of the LORD;  
 this I seek:  
 To dwell in the LORD's house  
 all the days of my life,  
 To gaze on the LORD's beauty,  
 to visit his temple.  
 Hear my voice, LORD, when I call;

have mercy on me and answer me.  
 "Come," says my heart, "seek his face";  
 your face, LORD, do I seek!  
 LORD, show me your way;  
 lead me on a level path  
 I believe I shall see the LORD's goodness  
 in the land of the living.





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