



# GROUP GUIDES

## WEEK ONE- WHO IS JESUS?



### Sentence

Following the last steps of Jesus leads us to the first steps of a new life.



### Story

In thirty seconds or less, tell the story of Jesus' life before His crucifixion.

"What events do you remember that others left out?"

"What did you leave out that others remembered?"

"What do you think are the three most important events of Jesus' life?"



### Set-Up

Luke 19

When Jesus came to people, He came to all of them with open arms. As believers, we are also called to be radically inclusive—especially to those who our society deems unworthy.

Read [Luke 19:5-7](#)

When has God called you to something that felt uncomfortable or left you with a fear of being judged?



### Search

Read [Luke 18:18-27](#)



[Verses 18-21](#)

If God alone is good, how do we fit in to His calling and His plans?

How does your knowledge of the crucifixion impact Jesus' statement in [verse 19](#)?



[Verses 22-23](#)

What in your life is something you would struggle to give up to follow Jesus?



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### Verses 24-25

Have you ever found yourself trusting in people more than God?

How will you return your trust back to God, the only Source of goodness?



### Verses 26-27

What keeps you from practicing radical acceptance for others?

In these verses, Jesus implies hope for the rich ruler. How will you rest in the hope that Jesus has for you, as well?



### Solution

1. How can you find someone to share the goodness of God with?



Pray for an opportunity with someone you know or a total stranger



Actively look for opportunities to serve or be generous to those around you  
(i.e. volunteer to serve the underprivileged, see people how Jesus sees them)



Inviting someone to dinner who is often excluded at work, school, in your community, church, or even in your immediate family



Other \_\_\_\_\_

Read **Romans 10:9-10**

Salvation is for everyone. Have you ever understood the importance of seeking out those beyond your usual circle of friends?

2. Who will you invite into fellowship and share the goodness of God with?



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### Send Out

Break into groups of 2-3 (same gender if a coed group), discuss ways you can reach out to those far from God. Plan to connect with each other in-person, call, or text this week.

Pray together.