

Trinity Church, Sarnia
Lenten Bible Study – 2022

Following Jesus to the Cross

With Canon Vicars Hodge

[Week #1. Luke 1:1-4; 9:51-53; 18:15-17, 18-25, 31-34, 35-43.](#)

Questions¹:

Open:

1. Think about a time when you needed to “*set your face for Jerusalem,*” ie. move deliberately toward some situation that made you want to run away? There is time for a few in your group to share their recollection.

Dig

1. Why do you think the disciples stopped the parents from bringing children to Jesus? Why would they try to stop them? (v.18:15)
2. In light of all the talk about the coming Kingdom of God, why did the disciples fail to understand Jesus predicting his death (18:31-34). (also 9:22, 9:45)
3. What is the way into the Kingdom? (v.27-30). How do children reflect this better than the rich man? (v.15-17)

Reflect

1. The disciples and/or the crowd thought Jesus was too busy for children (v.15) or for the blind beggar (v.39). Have you ever felt Jesus was too busy for you? Why?
2. If Jesus asked you: “*What do you want me to do for you?*” how would you respond? (v.41)

Group Norms to enhance our experience

- **Try to make attendance a priority..**
- **Try to stay “on topic.”** Stick to the passage being studied. Seek to find the answers in the text.
- **Everyone participates and no one dominates.** We are sometimes so eager to share what we have learned that we don’t leave room for others. By all means participate – but leave space for others.
- **Be sensitive to the other members of the Group.** We respect each other and can all learn from each other. There are no ‘dumb’ questions.
- **Support for one another is part of our life** as followers of Jesus.
- **Confidentiality matters:** When someone shares something of private nature, that stays in the group. We tell our own stores, if we want – not other people’s.

Suggestions for getting the most out of a LIFE² Group

Everyone

- Try to read the passage we will study in advance of our meeting.
- Bring an attitude of expectancy – God wants to open his Word for you and me.... Come expecting to receive some good word.
- Stay in touch with each other during the week, where appropriate.

People who want more....

- Pre-read the questions and think about them a bit.
- Read the Gospel of Luke in the next week or two. Recommended translations: (ESV, NRSV, NASB, NIV, TPT)
- Each week, after the study, re-read the passage & questions– to reinforce what you have learned.

The Keeners – looking for an A+

- Read Luke through in a second, different translation like “The Message” (MSG), New Living Translation (NLT), JB Phillips or “The Good News”
- Make a list of questions that arise – and send them to trinity@trinitysarnia.org

¹ With appreciation to the Serendipity Bible for some of these questions.

² LIFE: Learning, Insight, Friends, Encouragement: these are our four objectives.