A landscape photograph at sunset or sunrise. The sky is filled with soft, golden light and wispy clouds. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and casting long, soft shadows. In the foreground, there is a dark, silhouetted field. In the middle ground, there are rolling hills and mountains, also silhouetted against the bright sky. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

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Jesus wants to awaken us to know who He really is, what He does, and follow Him together in our daily lives.

THE VISION

People of all ages, cultures, and locations collaborating on a 10-week journey to grow in their relationships with Jesus and to glorify Jesus in new ways together.

THE CHALLENGE

We live in a world that includes distractions, selfishness, lies, ruts, discouragement, injustice, and lukewarm faith. How can these unfulfilling patterns and unhealthy habits be broken? Are you willing to make courageous shifts in your life? How hungry are you for more of God's presence?

THE POTENTIAL

Throughout the Bible and history, God does colossal things in and through people who humbly seek Him, pray, surrender, and are filled with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit empowers, guides, and convicts you to unite, love each other, and boldly share your faith with the people in your world. The Bible reveals Jesus to you in profound and personal ways. The Father's joy is that you trust Jesus and want Him to be the Lord of your life where you live, work, learn, and play. It becomes contagious when a group of people are fully devoted to Jesus. Hearts, families, churches, cities, and nations are transformed. God's people need a revival today that will only come through repentance and living for Jesus.

WHY PARTICIPATE?

Have you sensed that you need to go deeper in the study and application of God's Word? Do you feel that your life is not quite the abundant life that Jesus promised? Do you believe God wants to do an amazing work at this time in a very needy world? The spiritual life is a series of intentional decisions. Both faith and relationships are a risk. There is a more fulfilling experience than trying to play it safe and comfortable instead of becoming more like Jesus. When God's people enter into Scripture and prayer together and give the Holy Spirit full access, a fire grows. What starts as a flame becomes a bonfire, and we need an awakening today. Jesus is our only real hope, and nothing is impossible with Him.

THE GOAL

The purpose of this study is to abide with Jesus, become more like Jesus, and lead people to Jesus. We move with God from self-centered to Christ-centered, from lukewarm to on fire for the Lord, from timid to spreading the gospel, from defeated to confidence in God, from selfish to laying down our lives, and from misperceptions to who Jesus really is. Let's not quench the Holy Spirit, but give Him full access to move in powerful new ways and places in our lives.

Overview

This guide is designed for a 10-week group experience. Each week has four sections as you follow Jesus together in your daily lives. Here are the steps you will take for each topic.

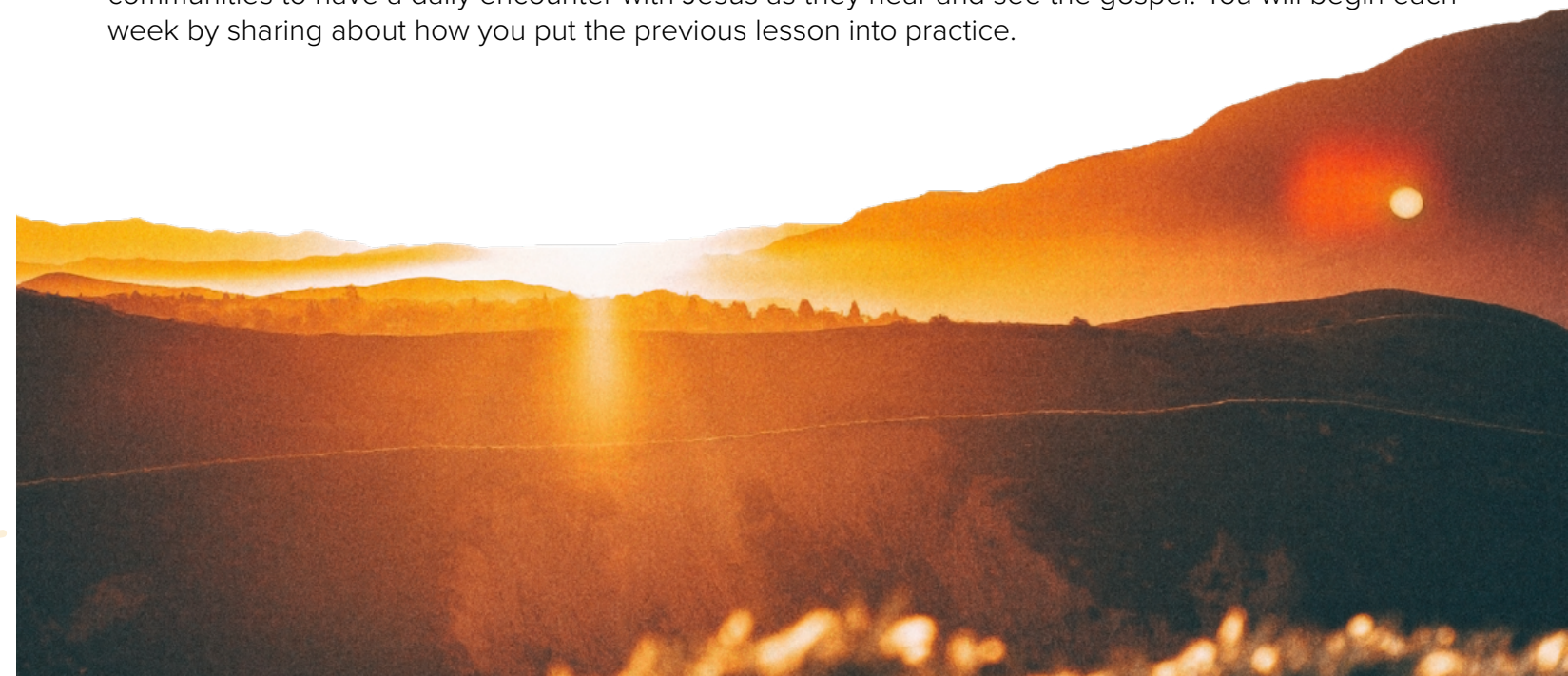
READ the Bible passages alone before the group meets and read them again collectively. All the main passages are found in the Gospel of Luke. You are encouraged to read the entire Gospel of Luke during this series as many times as you can. Saturate your soul in the Word of God and listen to our God who communicates through the Bible and the Holy Spirit.

REFLECT on four important questions. Write down your answers and discuss them together.

- 1. Who Is Jesus?** (What do you observe about Jesus' character, motives, and priorities?)
- 2. How Is Jesus Working?** (What do you notice about Jesus' plan and methods?)
- 3. What Do We Learn About Ourselves?** (What does this passage reveal about our identity, needs, and potential?)
- 4. Why Is Jesus' Leadership Good for Us?** (How can we trust Jesus in new ways and commit to Him and His mission?)

REPENT means to turn 180 degrees away from sin and toward God. This is more than just feelings of remorse or not liking the consequences of our decisions. True repentance is deeper than a mere behavioral modification; it includes changing our view of God, remembering and receiving His kindness, reclaiming our identity, and renewing a commitment to Jesus. Restoration and revival come after repentance.

RESPOND in a holistic, clear, and specific way. As we turn from sin, we also want to experience the abundant life we have in Jesus. We need to move forward, filled with the Holy Spirit, and shine the light of the Lord where we live, work, learn, and play. We want every man, woman, and child in our communities to have a daily encounter with Jesus as they hear and see the gospel. You will begin each week by sharing about how you put the previous lesson into practice.





JESUS IS AWAKENING

OPENING QUESTION: What do you hope to gain from the next 10 weeks?

READ Luke 24:13-25

Nearness to Jesus lights a fire in our souls. The disciples overlooked the promise and reality of His resurrection. Why do we forget about Jesus so easily and belittle His power and glory? Jesus is patient and comes alongside of us in our journey. He walks with us and reveals truth to us daily. He wants us to be convinced, sold out, and full of love for Him and the people in our lives.

REFLECT: Luke 24:13-25

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REPENT

Have you been walking in unbelief or neglect in your relationship with Jesus? What will it take to wake you up? Are you fixated on insignificant endeavors? Let Jesus redirect you and build up your trust in Him. Confess any ways you have been trying to journey without Him and His purposes.

RESPOND

Mind: What does it mean that Jesus is the resurrection? (John 11:25-26)

Heart: How has Jesus increased your affection for Him? (1 John 4:16)

Hands: Who do you know that needs to be served and hear the good news of Jesus? (Matthew 20:25-28)

Prayer: Spend time thanking Jesus and receiving from the One who brings vitality to our lifeless souls. (Ephesians 5:14)



JESUS IS PURSUING

OPENING QUESTION: Who did you serve last week and was it a joyful experience?

READ Luke 1:5-19

Roughly 400 years of seeming silence preceded the announcement of the coming Savior. God was sovereignly aligning rulers and authorities who would position the Jewish people into a place where His plan would best be revealed. And, it was through the life of John the Baptist that hearts would become tender to the personal message of the Messiah. There is no time like now to turn your heart back to the God who never stops pursuing you.

REFLECT: Luke 24:13-25
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REPENT

God is passionately pursuing you and the hearts of those around you. What is keeping you from a tender response to His work? Do you sense God is gaining the attention of someone in your life who does not know Him yet? How might your current situation be a testimony to them of God's goodness in your life?

RESPOND

Mind: How can you love God more with your mind? (Hebrews 4:12)

Heart: How can you open your heart to receive more of His love? (Zephaniah 3:17)

Hands: What are some new ways that you can pursue people with God's love? (1 Peter 2:9)

Prayer: Pray for a deep security and rest in God's presence that produces peace in your relationships. (Revelation 21:3)



JESUS IS TRANSFORMING

OPENING QUESTION: Who did you intentionally pursue with God's love last week? How did it go?

READ Luke 3:4-20

As John the Baptist called people to turn from their sin, he equally urged them to live a fruitful life. Jesus doesn't look for the religious elite to sweep through with polished images. He wants to change our hearts with His compelling love. And, the Holy Spirit is Who empowers us to experience incredible transformation. The Holy Spirit glorifies Jesus and reveals truth about the Savior and how to live with and for Jesus.

REFLECT: Luke 3:4-20
Who Is Jesus? _____

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REPENT

The Holy Spirit will disrupt your familiar routines and mindset to ignite a new work. In what areas of your life do you desire change? How do fear and doubt play a part in blocking that change? When you surrender to the Lord, His transformation brings inward peace. The process may be filled with many challenging steps, but the Holy Spirit's presence is truly what you and our world need.

RESPOND

Mind: Recall and share how God has changed your life the last couple of years. (2 Corinthians 3:18)

Heart: In what ways do you need to become very different than the world around you? (Romans 12:1-2)

Hands: How can you put to death some habitual sins in your life? (Colossians 3:5)

Prayer: Pray that you will return to God in the areas where you have been most stubborn. (Joel 2:13)



JESUS IS HEALING

OPENING QUESTION: What victories are you experiencing over sin and temptation?

READ Luke 4:38-44

Can you imagine spending an actual day with Jesus? Jesus came to preach the good news of God’s Kingdom and to bring salvation. Wherever He went, Jesus spoke life to the darkest crevices of the soul. He breathed life into a sick woman, called out the enemy’s entrapments, and turned the wayward doubter to a committed believer. Jesus can heal in relational, physical, emotional, and spiritual realms.

REFLECT: Luke 4:38-44

Who Is Jesus? _____

How Is Jesus Working? _____

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REPENT

Have you prayed for someone, either physically or spiritually, to be healed and the answer did not come the way you had hoped? It is a devastating and painful reality. Yet, it does not change the truth that Jesus still heals. He loves you and wants your wholeness to be found in Him. Do you have any cynicism, resentment, pride, or unbelief that you are holding onto that is based on past pain and disappointment?

RESPOND

Mind: Mind: What are some of the ways in the Bible that God directs us toward His healing? (James 5:14-15)

Heart: How can you listen to God’s healing words and personal communication more? (Exodus 15:26)

Hands: How can you Invite God’s truth and love into the area(s) of your life where you feel the most discouraged? (Isaiah 41:10)

Prayer: Spend time thanking and praising Jesus for His amazing healing work. (Isaiah 53:4-5)



JESUS IS FREEING

OPENING QUESTION: How have past discouragements been fading because of a renewed nearness to Jesus in the previous week?

READ Luke 6:1-11

We see Jesus’ authority to heal on the Sabbath come sharply into question at the hands of religious leaders’ interpretations. Religion defined by man-made rules is like a snake – constricting the life out of any who stay in its grip. Jesus knew the rules needed to be challenged – not because He was a lawbreaker – but because His love was never meant to be confined to certain days of the week. His uncontainable love is the source of our freedom.

REFLECT: Luke 6:1-11
Who Is Jesus?

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REPENT

What constricts you from the work God wants to do in your life? Are you silenced, stifled, or sleepy in your faith in response to the surrounding secularism? Have you set up expectations of how and when you think God can move in your life? Jesus lovingly offers to do a fresh work. He wants to release you from limited views of Him. With His freedom, you can also see how to release others to live in His freedom as well.

RESPOND

Mind: What are some examples of freedom that the Holy Spirit brings? (2 Corinthians 3:17)

Heart: Are you glorifying Jesus with all your heart where you live, work, learn, and play? (Galatians 5:13-14)

Hands: Share with one person this week about the fulfilling freedom that Jesus offers. (Acts 13:38-39)

Prayer: Ask God to show you the purposes of the freedom that He has given you. (Colossians 1:21-23)



JESUS IS HONORING

OPENING QUESTION: How did you lead someone toward the freedom that is found in the Lord last week?

READ Luke 7:1-10

Nearness to Jesus lights a fire in our souls. The disciples overlooked the promise and reality of His resurrection. Why do we forget about Jesus so easily and belittle His power and glory? Jesus is patient and comes alongside of us in our journey. He walks with us and reveals truth to us daily. He wants us to be convinced, sold out, and full of love for Him and the people in our lives.

REFLECT: Luke 7:1-10

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REPENT

Recognizing Jesus' absolute authority in every portion of your life is vital to personal growth. How can you honor Jesus by submitting to His authority? Jesus honored a man, who took a risk and voiced his request to Jesus. Revival comes when we turn from false views of Jesus and our fierce independence from God. Have you been too self-sufficient or casual about your faith in specific ways?

RESPOND

Mind: In what ways have you been overlooking or undervaluing God's presence? (Genesis 28:16)

Heart: How can your praise and worship of Jesus have more fervency? (Psalm 57:7-9)

Hands: How can you encourage someone from a different generation or culture? (Psalm 145:1-4)

Prayer: Pray that you will honor the Lord in the settings where the people around you do not honor Him. (1 Samuel 2:30)



JESUS IS TEACHING

OPENING QUESTION: During the last week, how did you glorify God in environments where people do not honor Him?

READ Luke 7:36-50

Love and forgiveness travelled with Jesus wherever He went. The paradox was stark when a woman with a tainted past showed up at a rule-abiding Pharisee's house. Jesus calmly chose to teach those sitting at the dinner table a beautiful truth. His love and forgiveness is for everyone who receives it. Clearly, the kneeling repentant woman had found this truth before some of the more religious people in her company. Do you grip religion and miss relationship with Jesus?

REFLECT: Luke 7:36-50
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REPENT

Jesus wants to shore up the areas where love and forgiveness have not been primary in your life. Do you need to forgive someone or ask for God's forgiveness for something in your own life? Perhaps you know someone who needs to hear the message, like the forgiven woman. His mercy is greater than our countless disobedient acts. Drop any personal shame in God's presence and begin to see people like Jesus sees people.

RESPOND

Mind: In what ways is Jesus' teaching Jesus counter-cultural? (Matthew 4:23)

Heart: How is Jesus' teaching connected with worshipping Him? (2 John 1:9)

Hands: Read the entire Gospel of Luke this week and make it a goal to know Jesus better. (Luke 1:1-4)

Prayer: Commit to prioritizing God's Word in your life and making time to listen to Him. (Ecclesiastes 5:1-2)



JESUS IS NOURISHING

OPENING QUESTION: What did you gain from reading the Gospel of Luke last week?

READ Luke 9:10-17

Have you ever skipped a meal because you were so caught up in a project or a moment? Jesus' compelling words and healing touch caused masses to follow Him to remote places, with no markets in sight. His words were sustaining them. Even when hunger set in for the helpless crowd, Jesus provided for their physical needs with abundant leftovers. Do you see and appreciate His abundance in your life?

REFLECT: Luke 9:10-17

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REPENT

Do you tend to trust God more to meet your physical or your spiritual needs? When we come to God with our desperateness, He shows us His abundant provision. Only Jesus satisfies and meets our deepest needs. Take time to ask God where you are lacking, so that He can show you His provision. Be willing to receive His generous grace. Come to Him raw instead of pretending that you have no challenges. Shift from looking to other flawed sources and turn to Jesus.

RESPOND

Mind: How does God nourish you with His word? (Psalm 1:1-6)

Heart: How does God provide for you through other people? (Ephesians 4:12-16)

Hands: How can you pass along what God has given to you which leads to multiplication? (2 Timothy 2:1-2)

Prayer: Humbly accept God's nourishment and stop resisting because of your pride. (Isaiah 55:1-3)



JESUS IS SENDING

OPENING QUESTION: How is God using you to multiply His goodness to the people around you?

READ Luke 10:1-21

Jesus is sending you out to share His love and message to the people around you. It may seem like few people within the areas of where you live, work, learn, and play want to hear the gospel message. But Jesus measured the lack to be found in the number of laborers, not the people interested in His truth. What if you are actually surrounded by a harvest, and God has given you everything you need?

REFLECT: Luke 10:1-21

Who Is Jesus? _____

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REPENT

What keeps you from sharing the gospel with those around you? Christ calls you to speak and share His love and truth. Who is someone that might be a 'person of peace' with whom you can begin to dialogue about faith? Maybe you have been sharing with someone but they just have not responded yet. Are you tired of being intimidated by our culture and letting fear block your potential?

RESPOND

Mind: How can you be both shrewd and innocent? (Matthew 10:16)

Heart: What does it feel like to be sent out by Jesus with a purpose? (John 20:21)

Hands: Who can you intentionally disciple this week? (Acts 9:10-15)

Prayer: Share with God your willingness to go any place and say anything that will glorify Jesus. (Romans 10:15)



JESUS IS PREVAILING

OPENING QUESTION: Who are you discipling and who are you leading to Jesus?

READ Luke 11:14-28

Negativity can steal our joy and peace. The enemy would rather we surrender in defeat than to rise up and overcome his bully moves. Jesus faced the same kind of taunts. But He would not acquiesce to false claims and a diminishment of His ministry. Jesus knew God’s glory was at stake. Jesus wants us to press on against the blows of darkness so that His light can shine even brighter.

REFLECT: Luke 11:14-28

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REPENT

Take time to confess your need for God’s light to shine during times of testing in your life. Don’t let the exhaustion and burden of your challenge burn you out. Rise up and allow Jesus to renew your soul so that you can prevail, just at Jesus did! The Holy Spirit in you is greater than the work of the enemy. Have you forgotten or neglected the Holy Spirit and are you trying to win the wrong battles, in the wrong armor?

RESPOND

Mind: What does it mean that Jesus has defeated sin, death, and the devil? (1 Corinthians 15:55-58)

Heart: How do you respond when you don’t feel victorious? (James 1:2-5)

Hands: Share with someone close to you how Jesus is bringing more peace into your life. (John 16:33)

Prayer: Cry out to God for an awakening in our hearts, home, church, region, and nation. (Romans 8:31-32)



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