

Discover Jesus

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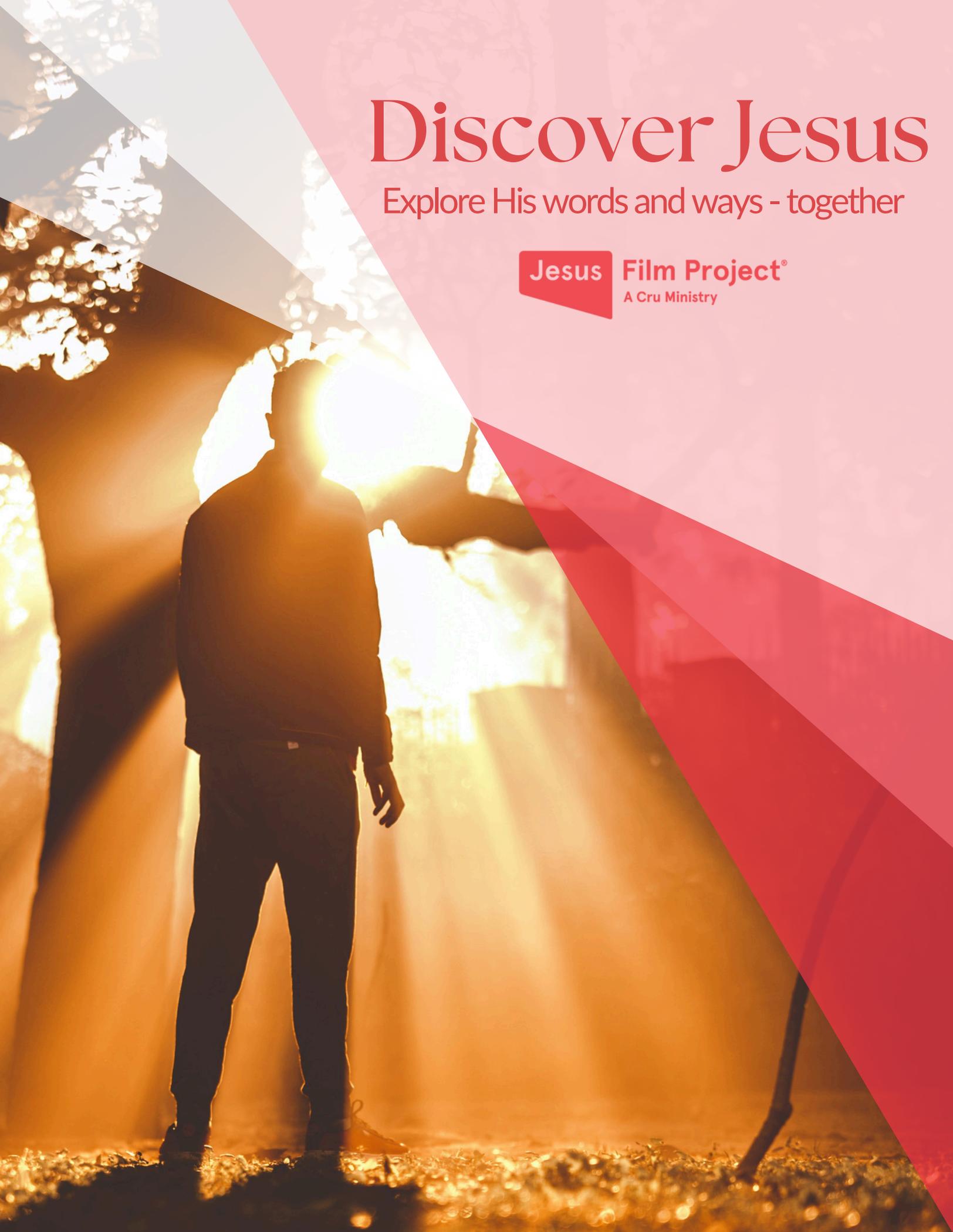




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Leader's Guide



God wants to use you in an amazing way to build His Kingdom in your own language and people group!

Take a moment to remember when you first learned who Jesus is—His love and compassion, His sovereignty, His holiness, His gentleness, His royalty. He was everything you hoped for and the only One that could save and redeem you. He is your hope, and He is the hope to all nations and to all people.

The apostle John writes in the book of Revelation:

"After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!'"

— Revelation 7:9-10, English Standard Version

This passage emphasizes the scope of the gospel. It is for every people group and every language. As a follower of Christ, you already understand powerful truths that others need to hear. We want to equip you to help others learn more about Him and what it means to have a real relationship with Him.

Jesus said in the last verses of the Gospel of Matthew:

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

— Matthew 28:19-20, ESV

In this passage, Jesus gives us a bold command. As we go through life, we are to make disciples of every people group and nation. That involves helping others understand the gospel and what it means to follow Christ. *Discover Jesus* offers you a strategy to help non believers understand key concepts about Jesus so that they grasp how He is more than a good man, a wise teacher or a prophet. He is the Son of God who offers forgiveness, hope and eternal life to all who come to Him.

Discover Jesus uses segments from the film JESUS, which depicts the biblical story of Jesus from the Gospel of Luke. It's a great tool to use in a small group setting with family members, friends and even acquaintances. As they watch each film segment, participants can learn more about Jesus' life, miracles, death and resurrection. Many will be compelled to follow Jesus simply because of who He is, while others will want more opportunities to learn about Him. At the end of the series, *Discover Jesus* offers an invitation for further small group discussions using other tools such as *Rivka* or *Knowing Jesus* created by Jesus Film Project.

There are four simple steps to using *Discover Jesus*:

1. **Prepare**
2. **Show**
3. **Start**
4. **Continue**

Step One: Prepare!

01

Where do you want to start a new Investigative Small Group?

Is there a nearby village or neighborhood that needs to know about Jesus?

First, you need to prepare by choosing a “Person of Peace” in that place. In Luke 10:6, Jesus sends out 72 of his followers to carry His message, looking for a person of peace in every place that they went who could host them.

This is someone who has a good reputation and has a network of friends and family they could invite to come see The *JESUS* Film.

We recommend that you build your relationship with this person, with an easy-to-remember three-step process that will lead naturally to an opportunity to clearly tell them about Jesus.

A person of peace is someone (not necessarily a believer) who is:

- Open to Christ and His teachings.
- Influential or well-known.
- Willing and available to introduce you to their family and friends in your selected community.
- Willing to help you invite others to come see the *JESUS* film.

We recommend that you build your relationship with your person of peace using this three-step process:

a. Prayer

Pray that God will lead you to your person of peace who will introduce you to his or her family and friends. As you get to know this person, ask how you can pray for him or her and for the community.

b. Care

As you pray for this new friend and begin to understand his or her needs, show that you care by listening and meeting those needs if you can. Be a genuine friend.

c. Share

Because of your loving care, your new friend is more likely to allow you to share about Jesus. When the opportunity presents itself, share the good news of Jesus and His forgiveness with your person of peace if he or she doesn't already know Him.

Step Two: Show!

02

Show the *JESUS* film

With your person of peace, invite some people to watch the *JESUS* film, perhaps at the home of the person of peace. Share a meal together and watch the film afterward, or provide snacks and something to drink. Care well for each person who attends, and practice generous hospitality.

The *JESUS* film is accessible for free in over 2,200 languages at the [Jesus Film Project® website](#) and using the [Jesus Film Project® app](#). If you have access to a television with a USB port, use a flash drive to show the *JESUS* film in the home of your person of peace. If you have a tablet equipment set with a bluetooth speaker, you can also show the film to a small group of people in a larger space.

At the closing of the film, offer two invitations to your audience:

First, give them the opportunity to receive Jesus Christ as Savior. (Some will receive Jesus right then!)

Second, invite them to come back the next day to talk more about Jesus. Many will be interested but will have more questions.

Now comes the best part!

Step Three: Start!

03

Start your new *Discover Jesus* Community Small Group

Whether or not the people who saw the film received Jesus as their Savior, invite them to come back the next day or evening to talk more about Jesus.

In this meeting and the meetings that follow, you will use ten segments from the *JESUS* film to learn more about Jesus together.

Over the course of the coming weeks, your new group will grow in their understanding of Jesus Christ and what it means to be His follower. In addition, as they work through the curriculum, they will also have the opportunity to experience life in a Christian community.

Discover Jesus uses the "three-thirds" (3/3) format for every meeting to nurture strong friendships. The 3/3 format is a practical group structure that provides an easy and effective routine for your meetings, which will support encouragement and growth.

It consists of three parts: Looking Back, Looking Up and Looking Forward.

Looking Forward



THREE – THIRDS

A Discipleship Training Process



Looking Back

Care: Share how you are doing. Share life stories and backgrounds.

Worship: Praise God together in song, prayer, etc.

Celebrate Faithfulness: Share how you are applying what you are learning.

Cast Vision: Envision what God can do in and through you. Encourage one another.



Looking Up

Show: Watch the segments twice. Learn a new story together about Jesus.

Tell: Ask someone to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Complete: Invite others to fill in the gaps in the story.

Discuss: Ask the questions provided in each lesson.



Looking Forward

Respond: Share how you will apply what you learned today.

Practice: Tell the story to a partner. Trust God for the opportunity to share this story with others.

Pray: Thank God for what we learned. Pray for one another and others in the community.

See the Leader's Quick Reference Guide on page 9 for more detailed instructions.

Step Four: Continue!

04

Take the next step!

The last lesson of *Discover Jesus* will discuss Segment 17 of the *JESUS* Film. In that segment, Jesus uses an analogy of four different types of soils to illustrate spiritual receptivity. In examining these Four Soils, those in your small group will better understand their own spiritual condition and hear of other opportunities to continue in their spiritual journey.

Prayerfully guide the individuals in your group towards the most appropriate next step. If they are ready, you might challenge one or more of your group members to begin their own *Discover Jesus* group and share what they have discovered with others.

If your group would like to continue meeting together, we recommend moving on to a new group study such as *Knowing Jesus* or *Rivka*. For more information, click on the links below:

Rivka Informational Page:

www.jesusfilm.org/partners/resources/strategies/women/gather-and-grow

Knowing Jesus Informational Page:

www.jesusfilm.org/knowingjesus



Leader's Quick Reference Guide

How to go through the segment studies

The *JESUS* film has been broken up into several segments to make the life and teachings of Jesus easier to study. *Discover Jesus* uses ten of these segments. The curriculum provides a very effective way to guide your small group through the segments one at a time.

It is not necessary to go through all the questions each week. The key is to allow your group members to discuss freely what the segments reveal about Jesus and about us as His followers. It is also your responsibility as a facilitator to create a safe environment for your group's discussion. Our role is to listen and to guide, but not to preach.

To access the segments, go to your [Jesus Film Project app](#) and use the search bar to find each segment by its title (marked in italics below) or go to the Jesus Film Project® website [here](#).

Here are the individual segments from the *JESUS* film used in this study:

Lesson 1: From Creation to Jesus

Segment Title “The Beginning”

Lesson 2: Power Over Shame

Segment Title “Miraculous Catch of Fish”

Lesson 3: How Power over Sorrow

Segment Title “Jairus’ Daughter Brought Back to Life”

Lesson 4: Power Over Storms

Segment Title “Jesus Calms the Storm”

Lesson 5: Power Over Satan

Segment Title “Healing of the Demoniatic”

Lesson 6: Power Over Self

Segment Title “The Transfiguration”

Lesson 7: Power Over Scars

Segment Title “Healing on the Sabbath”

Lesson 8: Power Over Sin

Segment Title “Angels at the Tomb, The Tomb is Empty, & Resurrected Jesus Appears”

Lesson 9: Application

Segment Title: Invitation to Know Jesus Personally

Lesson 10: Next Steps: Four Soils

Segment Title “Parable of the Sower and the Seed”

Lesson 1 - From Creation to Jesus

Segment 1: The Beginning

Discover how the story of God's world began and how it points to the One He would send.



Looking Back

Care

- Share how you are doing.

Worship

- Praise God together.

Celebrate Faithfulness

- Share how you are applying what you are learning.

Cast Vision

- Envision what God can do in and through you.



Looking Up

Introduction

Jesus is not like any person who has ever lived. His unique birth, life, miracles, manner of death and resurrection were all foretold by prophets over 1500 years beforehand. His teachings are also unique as He spoke as One having all authority in heaven and earth. In this lesson we will explore these things and see how His coming was foretold and why it is important to take time to discover Jesus.

- Show: Watch the segments twice. Learn a new story together about Jesus.
- Tell: Ask someone to tell the story of the segment in their own words.
- Complete: Invite others to fill in the gaps in the story.
- Discuss: Discuss as many discussion questions as time allows. *Note: It is not necessary to complete all questions.*

1. *What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?*
2. *Why were the people removed from the Garden? How did their lives change?*
3. *What did you notice that was unique or different about Jesus?*
4. *Why do you think it is important that Jesus fulfilled so many prophecies?*
5. *Jesus was referred to as "the Son of God." What do you think this means?*



Use this code to watch the segment on your smartphone. Other languages are available on the Jesus Film Project website.

Conclusion

Jesus Christ is not like anyone else. His coming was promised by God and foretold by prophets hundreds of years before His birth. His birth was miraculous because He is without sin. His power was displayed in the many miracles He did. His teachings were with authority and power. He is all powerful and all knowing, the promised One who would save us from our sin and eternal judgment. He invites us to have a personal connection and relationship with God. If these claims are true, then the most important thing we can do is learn more about who He is. Discover Jesus.



Looking Forward

Respond

- Share how you will apply what you learned today.

Practice

- Tell the story to a partner.
- Trust God for the opportunity to share this story with others.

Pray

- Thank God for what you learned.
- Pray for one another.
- Pray for others in our community.

Lesson 2 - Power Over Shame

Segment 8: Miraculous Catch of Fish

Luke 5:1-11



Looking Back

Care

- Share how you are doing.

Worship

- Praise God together.

Celebrate Faithfulness

- Share how you are applying what you are learning.

Cast Vision

- Envision what God can do in and through you.



Looking Up

Introduction

Jesus performed this miracle to show the disciples that He was not just a good teacher or a special prophet. Rather, in demonstrating His power over nature, Jesus opened the eyes of His disciples to see His deity. In doing so, Jesus also exposed within Peter and the disciples their own sinfulness and the deep shame accompanying that sinfulness. Yet in the midst of that shame, Jesus offered hope and forgiveness.

- Show: Watch the segments twice. Learn a new story together about Jesus.
- Tell: Ask someone to tell the story of the segment in their own words.
- Complete: Invite others to fill in the gaps in the story.
- Discuss: Discuss as many discussion questions as time allows. Note: It is not necessary to complete all questions.

1. *What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?*
2. *What did Jesus ask Peter to do? Was it a suggestion or a command? What does it say about Jesus?*
3. *How does Peter respond to this miracle of fish?*
4. *Why do you think Peter tells Jesus that he is a "sinful man?" Why would he ask Jesus to depart from him?*
5. *Why do you think Jesus tells Peter "Do not be afraid?"*
6. *Jesus calls His followers to fish for people. What do you think this means?*



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Conclusion

Jesus Christ is more than a prophet or teacher. He is all powerful and all knowing. As such, He knows all about our sinfulness and we cannot hide anything from Him. Yet He does not leave us in our sinful state, but offers forgiveness and new purpose. We can be forgiven and then be used by God to help others learn about Jesus as well. Discover Jesus.



Looking Forward

Respond

- Share how you will apply what you learned today.

Practice

- Tell the story to a partner.
- Trust God for the opportunity to share this story with others.

Pray

- Thank God for what you learned.
- Pray for one another.
- Pray for others in our community.

Lesson 3 - Power Over Sorrow

Segment 9: Jairus' Daughter Back to Life

Luke 8:40-42,49-56



Looking Back

Care

- Share how you are doing.

Celebrate Faithfulness

- Share how you are applying what you are learning.

Worship

- Praise God together.

Cast Vision

- Envision what God can do in and through you.



Looking Up

Introduction

Grief is a common human emotion. In this story a father is grieving because his daughter, who was sick, has now died. He had asked Jesus to come and heal her, but now it is too late. Jesus, however, tells the man only to believe and to not be afraid. Jesus then raised the daughter from the dead, bringing an end to the father's grief. The wonderful thing about Jesus is that though he may not do a miracle for us when we are grieving, He can heal our hearts and help us in times of grief and sorrow.

- Show: Watch the segments twice. Learn a new story together about Jesus.
- Tell: Ask someone to tell the story of the segment in their own words.
- Complete: Invite others to fill in the gaps in the story.
- Discuss: Discuss as many discussion questions as time allows. Note: It is not necessary to complete all questions.

1. *What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?*
2. *How did Jairus approach Jesus? What does this say about how he viewed Jesus?*
3. *What was Jesus' response to Jairus' request that He come and heal his daughter?*
4. *What did Jesus tell Jairus when he found out his daughter was now dead?*
5. *Have you ever been in a situation that you felt was "hopeless?"*
6. *What does this tell us about Jesus that He can raise the dead?*



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Conclusion

Jesus is able to raise people from the dead, proving again that He is the Son of God. Jesus has compassion for those who grieve. Jesus is able to help us with our fears of death and loss. Jesus asks us to believe that He is able to help us with our trials and difficulties. Discover Jesus.



Looking Forward

Respond

- Share how you will apply what you learned today.

Practice

- Tell the story to a partner.
- Trust God for the opportunity to share this story with others.

Pray

- Thank God for what you learned.
- Pray for one another.
- Pray for others in our community.

Lesson 4 - Power Over Storms

Segment 19: Jesus Calms the Storm

Luke 8:22-25



Looking Back

Care

- Share how you are doing.

Celebrate Faithfulness

- Share how you are applying what you are learning.

Worship

- Praise God together.

Cast Vision

- Envision what God can do in and through you.

Introduction

Have you ever been in a life-threatening situation? Something like a storm, a flood, a fire, an automobile accident, a war or a severe illness? If you have, briefly share with the group your story and how it affected your life.

- Show: Watch the segments twice. Learn a new story together about Jesus.
- Tell: Ask someone to tell the story of the segment in their own words.
- Complete: Invite others to fill in the gaps in the story.
- Discuss: Discuss as many discussion questions as time allows. Note: It is not necessary to complete all questions.

1. *What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?*
2. *What does it say about Jesus that He could fall asleep in the back of the boat when there was a raging storm on the Sea of Galilee?*
3. *How would you have felt if you were in the boat during the storm? What emotions do you think you would have experienced?*
4. *What does Jesus say that the disciples were missing in their lives?*
5. *What does it tell us about Jesus that He could calm the storm with a word?*
6. *If the disciples had had faith in Jesus, how do you think they would have acted during the storm?*



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Conclusion

Jesus shows that He is human by falling asleep during the storm, since He was tired from all His ministry. Yet, Jesus proves He is the Son of God by being able to calm the storm. Jesus expects the disciples should have known that He would take care of them. And He also expects that the disciples should have had the faith to believe in Him. Discover Jesus.



Looking Forward

Respond

- Share how you will apply what you learned today.

Practice

- Tell the story to a partner.
- Trust God for the opportunity to share this story with others.

Pray

- Thank God for what you learned.
- Pray for one another.
- Pray for others in our community.

Lesson 5 - Power Over Satan

Segment 20: Healing of the Demoniac

Luke 8:26-39



Looking Back

Care

- Share how you are doing.

Celebrate Faithfulness

- Share how you are applying what you are learning.

Worship

- Praise God together.

Cast Vision

- Envision what God can do in and through you.

Introduction

In this story, Jesus boldly approaches a man abandoned by everyone else. This man has been held captive by the devil for a long time. Many are afraid of the man, but Jesus pursues him. Jesus proves He is the Son of God by having authority over demons.

- Show: Watch the segments twice. Learn a new story together about Jesus.
- Tell: Ask someone to tell the story of the segment in their own words.
- Complete: Invite others to fill in the gaps in the story.
- Discuss: Discuss as many discussion questions as time allows. Note: It is not necessary to complete all questions.

1. *What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?*
2. *How is the demon possessed man described? What was his life like?*
3. *What does the man do when he encounters Jesus? Why is that significant?*
4. *How does Jesus respond to the man? What does this tell us about the heart of Jesus?*
5. *What did the demons call Jesus? What does this show about their knowledge of who He is?*
6. *What was the reaction of those who saw this happen? What do you think they thought about Jesus?*
7. *What did the man do after the demons left him? What do you think he thought about Jesus?*



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Conclusion

Jesus was not afraid of the demons. Rather, they were afraid of Him. Because He is all powerful, Jesus has the power and authority even over Satan. What things do you fear? How might Jesus help you to overcome your fear? Discover Jesus.



Looking Forward

Respond

- Share how you will apply what you learned today.

Practice

- Tell the story to a partner.
- Trust God for the opportunity to share this story with others.

Pray

- Thank God for what you learned.
- Pray for one another.
- Pray for others in our community.

Lesson 6 - Power Over Self

Segment 23: The Transfiguration

Luke 9:28-36



Looking Back

Care

- Share how you are doing.

Celebrate Faithfulness

- Share how you are applying what you are learning.

Worship

- Praise God together.

Cast Vision

- Envision what God can do in and through you.

Introduction

There are so many people who have ideas about what life is about. There are so many religions. There is so much information available to read about how to find meaning in life. Where do we turn to find out what we should believe? The answer to the biggest questions of life are easy: Listen to Jesus. Why? Because of what He said, because of what He did and primarily because He is the only person to ever rise from the dead. He is the one we should listen to when we have questions about life.

- Show: Watch the segments twice. Learn a new story together about Jesus.
- Tell: Ask someone to tell the story of the segment in their own words.
- Complete: Invite others to fill in the gaps in the story.
- Discuss: Discuss as many discussion questions as time allows. Note: It is not necessary to complete all questions.

1. *What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?*
2. *Why did Jesus take the 3 disciples up on the mountain?*
3. *What happened to Jesus as He was praying? What does it indicate about Jesus that His appearance changed?*
4. *Why do you think Moses and Elijah were there with Jesus? What were they talking to Jesus about?*
5. *What was Peter's reaction when he saw Jesus with Moses and Elijah?*
6. *What is the response of God the Father? Why do you think God redirected them to listen to Jesus?*

Conclusion

Jesus is not just another prophet among many. He is greater than Moses, Elijah and the prophets because He is the Son of God. And because of that, we must listen to what He says about truth, life, faith and how to have a relationship with God. What have you learned about Jesus from this lesson? Is there anyone or anything else you are tempted to pay more attention than Jesus? If so, why do you think that is? Discover Jesus.



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Looking Forward

Respond

- Share how you will apply what you learned today.

Practice

- Tell the story to a partner.
- Trust God for the opportunity to share this story with others.

Pray

- Thank God for what you learned.
- Pray for one another.
- Pray for others in our community.

Lesson 7 - Power Over Scars

Segment 30: Healing on the Sabbath

Luke 13:10-17



Looking Back

Care

- Share how you are doing.

Worship

- Praise God together.

Celebrate Faithfulness

- Share how you are applying what you are learning.

Cast Vision

- Envision what God can do in and through you.

Introduction

Jesus was loved by the people, and He loved them in return. The only people who routinely did not like Jesus were the religious leaders of Israel. Jesus had harsh words for them because they tried to control the people with laws and traditions they invented. Jesus did not want to control people, He wanted to set them free. He did not want money from people, like the religious leaders did, He wanted their hearts.

- Show: Watch the segments twice. Learn a new story together about Jesus.
- Tell: Ask someone to tell the story of the segment in their own words.
- Complete: Invite others to fill in the gaps in the story.
- Discuss: Discuss as many discussion questions as time allows. Note: It is not necessary to complete all questions.

1. *What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?*
2. *What was the response of the woman? How do you think she felt about Jesus after she was healed?*
3. *What was the reaction of the synagogue ruler? What do you think he thought about Jesus?*
4. *How does Jesus answer the synagogue ruler? How does Jesus reveal the man's heart?*
5. *How does Jesus' act of grace break the boundaries of the religious system?*
6. *Why did the crowds recognize that Jesus was doing "glorious things" and the religious leaders did not? What does that say about both groups?*

Conclusion

As we reflect upon this story, who do you identify with more, the woman, the religious leaders or the crowd? Are there any aspects of your religious system that could cause people to be in bondage? Do you believe Jesus could set you free as He did the woman in this story? Why or Why not? Discover Jesus.



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Looking Forward

Respond

- Share how you will apply what you learned today.

Practice

- Tell the story to a partner.
- Trust God for the opportunity to share this story with others.

Pray

- Thank God for what you learned.
- Pray for one another.
- Pray for others in our community.

Lesson 8 - Power Over Sin

Segments 57-59: Angels at the Tomb

Luke 24



Looking Back

Care

- Share how you are doing.

Worship

- Praise God together.

Celebrate Faithfulness

- Share how you are applying what you are learning.

Cast Vision

- Envision what God can do in and through you.

Introduction

Jesus' resurrection is the main event in the history of the world. Without the resurrection Jesus is just another man. In fact, without the resurrection, Jesus would be considered a lunatic. This is because during His life He consistently told His disciples that He was going to rise from the dead, proclaimed Himself to be the Son of God and the Savior of mankind. Without the resurrection Jesus' claims are merely the rantings of a deluded prophet. By rising from the dead Jesus proved beyond any doubt He was fully God and man as He claimed to be.

- Show: Watch the segments twice. Learn a new story together about Jesus.
- Tell: Ask someone to tell the story of the segment in their own words.
- Complete: Invite others to fill in the gaps in the story.
- Discuss: Discuss as many discussion questions as time allows. Note: It is not necessary to complete all questions.

1. *What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?*
2. *What did the angels say to the women? What did they do in response?*
3. *How did the men react when the women reported what they saw?*
4. *When Jesus appears to the disciples, how do they respond? How does Jesus address their fears?*
5. *Why do you think Jesus takes them back to the scriptures?*
6. *Why is the resurrection of Christ an absolute necessity for our spiritual lives?*
7. *What does Jesus say is to be our primary focus as his followers?*

Conclusion

It is normal to have doubts when we hear of something impossible. Nobody comes back from the dead! Only God has the power to give life. Yet Jesus did rise from the dead. That's because Jesus is more than a mere human. He is God clothed in human form. As such, He has power even over death and hell. His resurrection proves that Jesus is who He claimed to be. What are your thoughts regarding the fact of Jesus' resurrection? Are you willing to believe who Jesus is? Discover Jesus.



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Looking Forward

Respond

- Share how you will apply what you learned today.

Practice

- Tell the story to a partner.
- Trust God for the opportunity to share this story with others.

Pray

- Thank God for what you learned.
- Pray for one another.
- Pray for others in our community.



Lesson 9 - Application

Segment 61: Invitation to Know Jesus Personally



Looking Back

Care

- Share how you are doing.

Celebrate Faithfulness

- Share how you are applying what you are learning.

Worship

- Praise God together.

Cast Vision

- Envision what God can do in and through you.

Introduction

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.- 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 (ESV) Millions of people have invited Christ into their lives, many of them over and over again, but are not sure of their salvation. They have no assurance of Christ's abiding presence, no confidence that, if they died today, they would go to be with the Lord in heaven. Are you confident? A commitment to Christ involves intellect, emotions and will.



Looking Up

- Show: Watch the segments twice. Learn a new story together about Jesus.
- Tell: Ask someone to tell the story of the segment in their own words.
- Complete: Invite others to fill in the gaps in the story.
- Discuss: Discuss as many discussion questions as time allows. Note: It is not necessary to complete all questions.

1. *What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?*
2. *What does the word "sin" mean to you? How did Jesus pay the price for your sin?*
3. *The Christian life is to be lived by faith, not emotions. What place does emotion have in the life of a Christian? How and when can emotions be misleading?*
4. *Why is it important that a follower of Jesus to be sure of their salvation?*
5. *Is there anything right now keeping you from following Jesus? If so, please share with the group your hesitations or concerns.*
6. *Would you like to surrender your life to Jesus right now?*



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Conclusion

There are four essential truths you need to understand to be sure you are a Christian:

1. God loves you and offers a wonderful plan for your life
2. We are all sinful and separated from God; therefore, we cannot experience His love and plan for our lives apart from Jesus Christ.
3. Jesus Christ is God's only provision for man's sin. Through Him alone we can know God personally and experience God's love.
4. We must individually receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; then we can know God personally and experience His love.

Watch the segment one last time, this time praying with certainty to receive Jesus. If you have received Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, you can be sure you are a Christian based on the promises of His Word. Discover Jesus.



Looking Forward

Respond

- Share how you will apply what you learned today.

Practice

- Tell the story to a partner.
- Trust God for the opportunity to share this story with others.

Pray

- Thank God for what you learned.
- Pray for one another.
- Pray for others in our community.

Lesson 10 - Taking the Next Step

Segment 17: Parable of the Sower and the Seed

Luke 8:4-15



Looking Back

Care

- Share how you are doing.

Worship

- Praise God together.

Celebrate Faithfulness

- Share how you are applying what you are learning.

Cast Vision

- Envision what God can do in and through you.

Introduction

Jesus taught the people through sermons, through questions and answers and in “parables.” Parables were extended analogies or inspired comparisons and were a common way during Jesus’ time of teaching others through telling stories. Another way of describing a parable is that it is “an earthly story with a heavenly meaning.”

- Show: Watch the segments twice. Learn a new story together about Jesus.
- Tell: Ask someone to tell the story of the segment in their own words.
- Complete: Invite others to fill in the gaps in the story.
- Discuss: Discuss as many discussion questions as time allows. Note: It is not necessary to complete all questions.

1. *What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?*
2. *What are the four soils that Jesus’ talks about in this parable?*
3. *What does Jesus say these soils represent?*
4. *How might the devil take the word of God out of someone’s heart?*
5. *What kind of temptation might cause people to give up their faith in God?*
6. *What are some of the thorns that might “choke” our openness to the gospel?*
7. *What are the traits of the “good soil?” (Issue = we are designed to reproduce!)*
8. *Which type of soil do you think best represents your life right now?*
9. *Would you like to become the “good soil?”*

Conclusion

Jesus explains why some believe and some do not. He also teaches the word of God is essential for people to believe. The devil seeks to distract and discourage people from following Jesus. But we can choose to follow Jesus and grow in Him. Are you willing to be the “good soil” Jesus spoke of? If so, you will believe in Him, and help others to hear about Jesus as well. Discover Jesus.

Application Questions

- Would you like to continue to learn about Jesus and how you can follow Him?
- If so there are more opportunities available for us as a small group to learn and grow in our spiritual journey. {Introduce Knowing Jesus, Pursuing Jesus}



Looking Up



Use this code to watch the segment on your smartphone. Other languages are available on the Jesus Film Project website.

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Practice

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Looking Forward

Pray

- Thank God for what you learned.
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