

A SMALL GROUP STUDY

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ABOUT DRIVETIME DEVOTIONS SMALL GROUP STUDIES

Welcome to this special Drivetime Devotions, small group study. This 5-week study is designed so that you can enjoy Drivetime Devotions as a podcast throughout the week and then talk about it with your small group. This will allow for more time in your small group for discussion, application, and fellowship.

The purpose of Drivetime Devotions is to help you know God's Word and put it into practice. It's usually better to study small sections of God's Word each day instead of a larger section once a week. Studying the Bible is like eating—you'll be healthier if you eat small amounts each day rather than one big meal a week! Episodes are designed to be listened to once per day, five days a week. In the event you miss a day or two, you can still stay on schedule.

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In Drivetime Devotions, Pastor Tom Holladay teaches God's Word and helps you put it into practice. With over 30 million downloads, Drivetime Devotions has built a reputation for changing lives and helping people grow closer to God. You can access this podcast study on LUKE by downloading the DrivetimeDevotions app for your phone or by going to DrivetimeDevotions.com.

HOW TO USE THIS INTERACTIVE STUDY GUIDE

This study guide is designed to be used as a downloaded file on your tablet or phone. You do not need to print it out unless you want to.

A FEW TIPS BEFORE YOU DIG IN



LISTEN

Prepare yourself before each study by listening to each week's five daily podcast episodes (one per day).



CHECKING IN

Open each meeting with a time for everyone to check in on each other's progress with the podcast. Accountability is a key to success in this study!



KEY VERSE

Each week you will find a key verse (or verses) from the chapter you are studying. You may want to memorize this verse together as a group.



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

These are questions for group discussion. Please don't feel pressured to discuss every single question. The material in this study is meant to be your servant, not your master. Therefore there is no reason to rush through your discussions. Give everyone ample time to share their thoughts.

Some questions will reference the verses from which they are taken. Many groups will want to have someone read those verses accompanying the question. There is something powerful about hearing the Bible read aloud together as a group.



LIVING ON PURPOSE

This section helps you encourage each other in balancing God's five purposes of evangelism, discipleship, fellowship, ministry, and worship. Each week, there will be a prayer, practical action, or personal assignment that focuses on one of these purposes.



PRAYING TOGETHER

At the end of each session you will find suggestions for your group prayer time. Praying together is one of the greatest privileges of small group life. Please don't take it for granted.

Get ready for God to do incredible things in your life as you begin the adventure of learning more deeply about the most exciting message in the world: the truth about God!

A FEW TIPS BEFORE YOU DIG IN



TELL A FRIEND

As you go through each session, the Holy Spirit may bring to mind different people in your life. You may even want to write their names down beside a point, phrase, or verse in the margins. Take the opportunity to share God's Word in a friend's life during the week.

WEEK ONE: LUKE Chapters 1-5



LISTEN

Use this space below to type any notes or thoughts you may have had while listening:

WEEK ONE



CHECKING IN

1. What is a favorite hobby or interest of yours that you love to spend time doing?
2. When you hear the word "worship," what first comes to mind?



KEY VERSE

"Worship the Lord your God and serve him only."

Luke 4:8 (NIV)



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. In the face of seemingly impossible situations described in verses 34-38, where do you personally struggle to trust God, and how can we encourage one another to believe He is still at work? *Verses 1:34-38*
2. When you read the song of praise in verses 46-50, how does it challenge your own reaction to confusing or painful circumstances, and what is one way we can help each other maintain a posture of worship? *Verses 1:46-50*

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3. Looking at the awe shown in verse 20, what practical routines can you establish to express a deep sense of humility before God, and how can we hold each other accountable to everyday worship? *Verses 2:20*
4. When considering the temptations in verses 1-8, where are you most drawn to seek comfort outside of God's plan, and how can this group support you in refocusing on Him? *Verses 4:1-8*
5. How has acknowledging your own brokenness, similar to the reaction in verse 8, deepened your personal worship, and how can we create a safe space for each other to be vulnerable before God? *Verses 5:8*
6. What is one specific area of your life where you feel prompted to leave something behind to fully follow Jesus, as seen in verses 27-28, and how can we encourage you to take that bold step this week? *Verses 5:27-28*



LIVING ON PURPOSE

WORSHIP

Cultivate a lifestyle of daily worship by identifying one routine (like a morning commute or washing dishes) and dedicating that time exclusively to praising God this week.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray that our group would grow in awe of God's presence, asking Him to reveal areas where we need to submit our lives more fully in worship to Him.

WEEK ONE



TELL A FRIEND

Look back through the study guide above and highlight a point, phrase, or verse that you would like to share with somebody this week.

WEEK TWO: LUKE Chapters 6-10



LISTEN

Use this space below to type any notes or thoughts you may have had while listening:

WEEK TWO



CHECKING IN

1. What is one way you practiced daily worship or kept God in focus since we last met?
2. If you had to share a piece of good news today, who is the first person you would tell and why?



KEY VERSE

"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Luke 10:2 (NIV)



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. Looking at the interaction in verses 36-50, who in your life currently feels like an "outsider," and how can we challenge each other to intentionally demonstrate the love of Christ to them this week? *Verses 7:36-50*
2. When you consider the call to be a light in verses 16-18, how do you personally handle the fear of rejection, and what steps can we take to encourage one another to share our faith boldly? *Verses 8:16-18*

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3. Based on the instruction in verses 38-39, what specific story of God's work in your life could you share with a struggling friend, and how can we help you prepare to share it? *Verses 8:38-39*
4. When reading about the disciples being sent out in verses 1-6, where do you feel most inadequate to share the gospel, and how can we remind each other to rely fully on God's provision? *Verses 9:1-6*
5. Reflecting on the urgent need described in verses 1-3, how can you create space in your schedule to engage with people who need Jesus, and how can we hold each other accountable to this? *Verses 10:1-3*
6. When looking at the joy of the returning disciples in verses 17-20, how do you personally ensure your joy remains rooted in salvation, and how can we as a group celebrate that rather than just visible success? *Verses 10:17-20*



LIVING ON PURPOSE

EVANGELISM

Identify one person in your life who doesn't know Jesus, write their name down, and commit to intentionally praying for an opportunity to share your faith with them this week.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Ask God to open our eyes to the harvest around us, giving us courage to share our stories and the love of Jesus with those who are far from Him.

WEEK TWO



TELL A FRIEND

Look back through the study guide above and highlight a point, phrase, or verse that you would like to share with somebody this week.

WEEK THREE: LUKE Chapters 11-15



LISTEN

Use this space below to type any notes or thoughts you may have had while listening:

WEEK THREE



CHECKING IN

1. Did you have an opportunity to pray for or share with the person you identified last week, and how did it go?
2. Who is someone in your life who has had a significant impact on your personal growth or character?



KEY VERSE

"And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple."

Luke 14:27 (NIV)



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. When reflecting on the model of prayer in verses 1-4, what makes it difficult for you to depend on God daily, and how can we support each other in making prayer a more central part of our lives? *Verses 11:1-4*
2. Looking at the warning in verses 39-41, when do you find yourself most tempted to prioritize outward appearances over inward transformation, and how can we help each other seek genuine growth? *Verses 11:39-41*

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3. Based on the parable in verses 15-21, in what ways is the desire for material security distracting you from fully following Christ, and how can we encourage each other to live generously? *Verses 12:15-21*
4. When considering the cost of following Jesus in verses 25-33, what specific sacrifice are you currently facing, and how can this group actively support you through it? *Verses 14:25-33*
5. Reflecting on the search for the lost sheep in verses 3-7, how do you personally respond when a believer wanders away, and what practical steps can we take together to pursue them? *Verses 15:3-7*
6. When reading about the older brother's reaction in verses 25-32, where do you struggle with resentment toward God's grace for others, and how can we help one another cultivate a heart of celebration? *Verses 15:25-32*



LIVING ON PURPOSE

DISCIPLESHIP

Take a step of deeper discipleship by choosing a specific area of your life to yield entirely to God this week, setting aside 15 minutes each day for silent listening and surrender.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray that the Holy Spirit would reveal areas of stubbornness in our hearts and give us the strength to carry our crosses daily in true discipleship.

WEEK THREE



TELL A FRIEND

Look back through the study guide above and highlight a point, phrase, or verse that you would like to share with somebody this week.

WEEK FOUR: LUKE Chapters 16-20



LISTEN

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WEEK FOUR



CHECKING IN

1. What was your experience like this past week spending 15 minutes a day in listening and surrender?
2. What is your favorite memory of a meal shared with good friends?



KEY VERSE

"Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him."

Luke 17:3 (NIV)



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. Looking at the teaching on faithfulness in verses 10-13, how does your personal use of resources impact your sense of community, and how can we encourage each other to honor God with our finances? *Verses 16:10-13*
2. When reading the command to forgive in verses 3-4, what makes it difficult for you to extend grace when hurt by someone in the church, and how can we support each other in the hard work of forgiveness? *Verses 17:3-4*

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3. Based on the parable in verses 9-14, where do you most struggle with an attitude of spiritual superiority, and how can we gently hold each other accountable to authentic humility in our fellowship? *Verses 18:9-14*
4. Reflecting on the healing of the blind man in verses 35-43, who in your immediate circle feels overlooked, and how can we partner together to actively invite them into our lives this week? *Verses 18:35-43*
5. When you consider Jesus' interaction with Zacchaeus in verses 5-7, what fears keep you from welcoming outsiders, and how can we as a group practice better hospitality toward those who don't fit the typical church mold? *Verses 19:5-7*
6. Looking at the zeal for God's house in verses 45-46, what practical steps can we take to ensure our group meetings remain a place of genuine, life-giving connection rather than just a religious routine? *Verses 19:45-46*



LIVING ON PURPOSE

FELLOWSHIP

Practice intentional fellowship this week by inviting someone from the church or this group over for a meal or coffee simply to connect and listen to their story.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray for God to deepen our love for one another, breaking down any walls of pride or unforgiveness that hinder true, authentic fellowship in our group.

WEEK FOUR



TELL A FRIEND

Look back through the study guide above and highlight a point, phrase, or verse that you would like to share with somebody this week.

WEEK FIVE: LUKE Chapters 21-24



LISTEN

Use this space below to type any notes or thoughts you may have had while listening:

WEEK FIVE



CHECKING IN

1. Who did you share a meal or coffee with this week, and what was one highlight from that conversation?
2. If you could volunteer for any cause with no limitations, what would you choose to do?



KEY VERSE

"And repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

Luke 24:47-48 (NIV)



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. When observing the widow's offering in verses 1-4, how does it challenge your own perspective on generosity, and how can we encourage each other to give sacrificially out of what we have? *Verses 21:1-4*
2. Looking at the warnings in verses 14-19, when you feel overwhelmed by difficult circumstances, what helps you stand firm, and how can we actively support one another in trusting God during hard times? *Verses 21:14-19*

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3. Reflecting on the call to greatness in verses 25-27, in what specific ways are you currently struggling to serve rather than be served, and how can we help each other find new ways to minister? *Verses 22:25-27*
4. Based on Peter's denial in verses 60-62, when have you experienced a painful failure in your commitment to Jesus, and how can we remind each other of God's restoring grace for future ministry? *Verses 22:60-62*
5. When reading about the disciples on the road to Emmaus in verses 32-35, how do you practically keep your heart open to the Scriptures, and how can we share what we're learning to equip one another for ministry? *Verses 24:32-35*
6. Considering the commission given in verses 47-48, what is one tangible way you feel called to be a witness in your community right now, and how can this group pray for and support you in that mission? *Verses 24:47-48*



LIVING ON PURPOSE

MINISTRY

Commit to one specific act of selfless service this week—such as helping a neighbor, volunteering, or assisting a coworker—without seeking any recognition.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit's power in our lives, asking God to equip us for the specific ministries and service opportunities He has placed before us.

WEEK FIVE



TELL A FRIEND

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