



LUKE

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Read either before your small group or all together at the start.

1. The story in Luke 17:11-19 talks about the 10 lepers who begged Jesus for mercy. Luke tells us that Jesus healed them all but only 1 came back to say thank you. Why not begin today first by discussing what it is you have to thank God for in your life at this moment?
2. Alex tells us that Luke 17:20-37 spends the rest of the time discussing the kingdom of God. What is your understanding of the kingdom of God? What is it? Why does Jesus talk about it so much? Are there any other passages in scripture that you are familiar with that teach you about the kingdom of God?
3. The first point Jesus makes is the radical idea that the beauty and power of the kingdom of God is within us - followers of Jesus. How do you feel about that? Why do you think that might be a significant understanding?
4. The second point Jesus makes is that he is the king of this kingdom and therefore we must align our hearts to him. What does it look like to be completely submitted to Jesus as King? What is difficult for you about this? Are there things that make this easier to do? How do you know if you are living fully submitted to Jesus as king?
5. In Luke 17:26-29, Jesus discusses the third aspect of the kingdom of God - when will we experience it or when will it come? Jesus tells 2 stories about Noah and Lot from the OT as examples that the kingdom will come at an unexpected time - except for the few who are prepared. Perhaps discuss these OT stories if you need a reminder and then - There would seem to be a sense of urgency about allowing others to be included in the kingdom. Do you share this sense of urgency to share about Jesus? Why or why not?
6. Take a look at v.30-37. Jesus says in order for us to experience the kingdom of God our allegiance to the kingdom must be greater than our possessions, our life (or life plans/dreams etc), and the people we love most. Which of these is most challenging for you? How might we grow our allegiance to Jesus and his kingdom so that we can live this way?