



Group Discussion Guide: With Jesus at the End | March 27, 2022

Begin with prayer (5 minutes).

Read **Psalm 136** out loud for your group.

After you finish reading, pause for a few brief moments of silence. After a couple seconds of centering, pray to open your time together. Ask God for help in guiding your time together, for people to listen well, for people to speak honestly, and for the Holy Spirit to use this gathered time to shape you and mold you into Jesus' likeness.

Read Luke 22:7-23, go over the sermon, and share your thoughts and insights (45 minutes).

- When it comes to the Lord's Supper or Communion, what was your experience with that aspect of church growing up?
- **Read all of Exodus 12.** What is happening in this chapter? How does reading the events here in Exodus bring clarity to what Jesus and the disciples were celebrating in **Luke 22**?
- **Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-34.** How do these verses compare to what you just read in **Exodus 12** and **Luke 22**? How do these verses enlighten or challenge how you think about the Lord's Supper or Communion?
- In his sermon, Dan mentioned communion leads us to do three things: (1) Communion allows us to connect with Jesus; (2) Communion reminds us to examine our hearts; (3) Communion calls us to love one another. Do you find yourself able to focus on these three aspects during your time in Communion?
- Which of the three aspects do you find yourself more naturally gravitating to? Which of the three are you naturally less likely to gravitate to?
- What is one practical takeaway from this sermon that you'd like to take with you into your next communion experience?
- What else from this message resonated with you or challenged you?

*BONUS: Prepare communion elements ahead of your group gathering. Find some unleavened bread and some grape juice. Have these elements ready to be shared at your group time. Share communion together in your life group. When you do, have someone **read 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**. Next, say a prayer of thanks to God. Then, share the bread with one another and say, "This is the body of Christ, broken for you. Do this in remembrance of Him." Finally, share the juice*



with one another and say, “This is the blood of Christ shed for you. Do this in remembrance of Him.”

Split into gendered accountability groups (30 minutes).

Throughout this series, we’ll create space each week to have accountability with one another. This will provide each person a more intimate and hopefully safer space to share where they might struggle. Here are a few questions to guide this time after you split out from one another:

- What is a highpoint from this past week you’d like to share? What is a low point?
- Is there anything you need to confess that you’d like to share? Explain.
- How did you love God and others this past week? Share your thoughts.
- How can this group pray for you right now?

Finish by praying over and for one another.

Come back as a large group and finish with intercessory prayer (10 minutes).

Like each week, finish your group session with prayer. You might designate someone in your group to write down everyone’s prayer requests and then send them to the whole group for everyone to be praying about through the week.

- What is on your heart that you need prayer for?
- Who in your life needs prayer?

Have someone close in prayer.