

# Following the King

Studies in Luke's Gospel

## Luke 10:25 – 11:13

### Discussion starters

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1. What would you say are the things that differentiate a Christian from someone who is not a Christian?

### Review

2. What did you learn from our study last week (Luke 9:51 – 10:24) about what it means to live as a follower of Jesus?
3. Does anyone have any questions or comments about the sermon based on today's passage?

### Overview

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#### Read Luke 10:25 – 11:13

4. Take a moment to fill in the table at the end of this study. Alternatively, simply discuss what you would write in each box.

*While each of these 3 'snapshots' from Jesus' journey have much in themselves to teach us, it appears that Luke has grouped them together for a reason. One idea is that Luke wants us to understand that true discipleship is not only about love for God (which involves listening to his word & depending upon him in prayer) but that it's also about caring for people around us.*

5. What do you think of this suggestion? Does it make sense of the passage as a whole? Do you have any other ideas?

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*Break up into 3 smaller groups. Each group should then concentrate on one of the passages below and its related questions. After 20 minutes or so each group should feed back their discussion to the larger group.*

## **(1) True discipleship involves looking to your neighbour** (10:25-37)<sup>1</sup>

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6. According to this parable who is your neighbour and what does it mean to love them?
7. How does this parable help you answer question 1 above?
8. Is this parable a picture of most of the professing Christians that you know?
9. How can **you** (individually) and **we** (as a church) express our commitment to love our neighbours?

## **(2) True discipleship involves looking to Jesus** (10:38-42)

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*Many interpretations of this passage abound! One widely held view is that it illustrates the priority of 'feeding' upon Jesus' teaching (note the backdrop of the meal). Martha's concern, although not a bad one, was not as much of a priority as sitting and being taught by the Master.<sup>2</sup>*

10. Does this make sense of the passage? Have you heard an alternative explanation?
11. In what ways can we, today, 'sit at the feet' of Jesus, and 'feed' upon his teaching?
12. How much of a priority is this in your life?
13. What are some ways that could help us become more disciplined in this respect?

## **(3) True discipleship involves looking to God (the Father)** (11:1-13)

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14. Finish this sentence: 'Prayer is...' How does 11:1-13 help answer that question?
15. What do you think vv 7-10 are teaching us about our attitude toward prayer?
16. What do vv 11-13 teach us about God's attitude toward our prayers?
17. Do you ever find prayer difficult? Based on what Jesus teaches the disciples about prayer in this passage, what difficulty do you think they were having with prayer?

## **Conclusion**

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18. 'True love for God is not seen in how much you pray, read your Bible or go to church, it's seen in how much you care for people around you'. Discuss this statement in light of Luke 10:25 – 11:13.

## **Pray it in**

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- Two or three people could take the opportunity of praying out loud, asking God to help us all become the disciples He has called us to be.

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<sup>1</sup> It might help to know that in Jesus' day deep hostility existed between Jews and Samaritans (see 9:53).

<sup>2</sup> To sit at someone's feet, as Mary did with Jesus, was the typical pose of a disciple before their teacher.

## Study 02

Passage	Situation	Following Jesus means...
10:25-37		eg. loving your neighbour
10:38-42	eg. Jesus at Mary & Martha's house	
11:1-13		