

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN — PART 3: SAVE — EQUIP — SEND

Luke 3-4

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God's mandate for his church can be found in the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20:

“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.”

Our mission at the Rock Church is SAVE – EQUIP – SEND. We take the gospel into our neighborhoods and invite people to put their faith in Jesus Christ. Those who respond and surrender to Jesus will engage in training to equip them to live a life of serving God and will be sent out into the community and the world to reach others for Christ. These equipping and sending opportunities can be found in LIFE Groups, Impact 195, Rock University Classes, Pastoral Support Team, Men's & Women's Ministries, and more!

Every believer is called to be a disciple and engage in the disciple-making mission of the church!

MEMORY VERSE

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DISCUSSION STARTERS

What one or two things (or people) have had the greatest influence on your spiritual growth as a disciple?



STUDY QUESTIONS

Let's look at three aspects of growing as a disciple. This can be applied both to yourself as a growing disciple, and to others – those God calls you to disciple. These three aspects can be visualized in terms of your head, your heart, and your hands.

- **Head** = growing in knowledge of God and his ways
- **Heart** = deepening love relationship with God resulting in character transformation
- **Hands** = responding with obedience to God & service to others

Head – what do I need to know?

→ **Read 2 Peter 3:17-18**

- What is Peter warning his readers about?
- What consequences does he tell them will come if they are led astray?
- What is his proposed safeguard against being led astray?

→ **Discuss and list** at least 10 essentials from Scripture that every believer should know:

→ If you were spending time with a new believer, what 3 books from the Bible would you recommend they read? Why?

Heart – what do I need to become?

→ **Read Luke 6:40**

- The primary goal of discipleship is that we would become like Jesus! What would it look like for someone to be like Jesus?

→ **Read Romans 8:28-29**

- What does it mean that God “predestined us to be conformed to the image of his Son?”
- What role does adversity play in growing us to be more like Jesus?

→ **Read Galatians 5:22-25**

- What role does the Holy Spirit play in us becoming like Jesus?



Hands – what do I need to do?

→ Read 1 John 2:4-6

- What is the connection between obedience and following Jesus?
- What does John say is true of someone who says they know Jesus but don't obey him?
- **Personal reflection:** what area of my life do I need to surrender to Jesus and become obedient to him?

→ Read James 1:22 and James 2:15-17

- What role do good works play in your growth as a Christian?
- If we refuse to engage in serving those in need, what does that indicate about our faith?

Think about how Jesus led his disciples – he taught them in the context of doing ministry to the poor, the sick, and the needy. They were in the community with the people, and not just huddled up inside of a building.

What changes do we need to make in our LIFE Group to engage more in serving the needy in our neighborhood?

GROUP ACTIVITY

Discuss:

- **Head:** what is one action point for each person will take to grow in their understanding of God and the truth of Scripture?
- **Heart:** what is one area of inner transformation that you will seek for God to grow you in?
- **Hands:** We ask that every LIFE Group engage in outreach to the community at least 3 times per year – what is our next step as a LIFE Group in taking Jesus to our neighborhood?

If you were unable to finish all the discussion questions and verses in your group time, take them home and spend time reading, reflecting and writing your answers this week!



