February 2023

### ORCHARD ROAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# BIBLE FOR ALL (BFA) MATERIAL

FOR DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

# Luke - Discipleship

Sermon Series

05, 12 February 2023 Luke 5:1-32

19, 26 February 2023 Luke 6:1-11, 20-26

Jesus Includes the Excluded

**Jesus Defines What Is Right** 

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# PREPARE (INDIVIDUAL): READ AND UNDERSTAND

Read the text throughout the week(s) before your group time and consider what it is saying



What do you notice as you read this passage?

### **Dig Deeper Study Tools**

- Author's Purpose
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- Structure
- Linking Words
- Parallels
- Narrator's Comment
- Vocabulary
- Translations
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- Repetition
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- Genre
- Copycat
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PREPARE TO SHARE (INDIVIDUAL): LOOK BACK What was your walk with God like in the last few weeks?
Who has God laid on your heart to pray for?
GROUP: SHARE AND PRAY
Take note of your group members' sharing.
Come together as a group to pray for each other and for the needs of the church and the world (see this month's prayer bulletin).
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Prepare your hearts to read God's Word and apply it to your lives through worshipping together.

### **GROUP: STUDY**

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1.	What questions did you have as you read the passage? Discuss them as a group.
2.	Peter didn't expect Jesus to interfere in his fishing, the paralysed man didn't expect to have his single forgiven, and Levi didn't expect to feast with Jesus. What does this tell you about Jesus' lordship ove our lives?
3.	In each of these four stories, what was the response of those who received Jesus' grace? (Simon Peter the leper, the paralysed man, and Levi.)
4.	Who are today's excluded in our society? What would Jesus' ministry look like today?
5.	What did the Pharisees think should be the practical result of following Jesus? What should be the actual practical result of following Jesus?
6.	What is the main point of this passage?
7.	What applications have you made to your life and faith? Discuss them as a group.

### **GROUP: DISCIPLESHIP FOCUS**

Jesus' ministry includes those who are excluded, and builds up a community that finds its identity in the life and ministry of Jesus.

• What does a community that finds its identity in the life and ministry of Jesus look like? (Consider its characteristics, actions, and behaviour towards each other and to outsiders.)

 What next step(s) do we need to take as a group to become a better example of such a community?

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	ad Luke 6:1-11, 20-26.
1.	What questions did you have as you read the passage? Discuss them as a group.
2.	Why is it significant that Jesus says he is the Lord of the Sabbath?
3.	How does Jesus redefine the Sabbath in vv.1-11?
4.	What should those who represent God truly expect in life, and what should those who represent God falsely expect? What implications does this have for how we live?
5.	What would vv.20-26 look like if Jesus had spoken them today to us?
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# **GROUP: DISCIPLESHIP FOCUS**

•	The Jews observed the Sabbath because God rested on the seventh day of creation and consecrated it (Gen 2:3). The Sabbath day in Jewish observance points to wholeness, completion, and rest; it was meant for human flourishing. Yet the rules around it stood in the way instead. Jesus instituted for us baptism and Holy Communion as part of our discipleship practices — what are these meant to point towards? Have we created rules that may stand in the way instead?

What does Jesus say true discipleship looks like? Do we live like this?