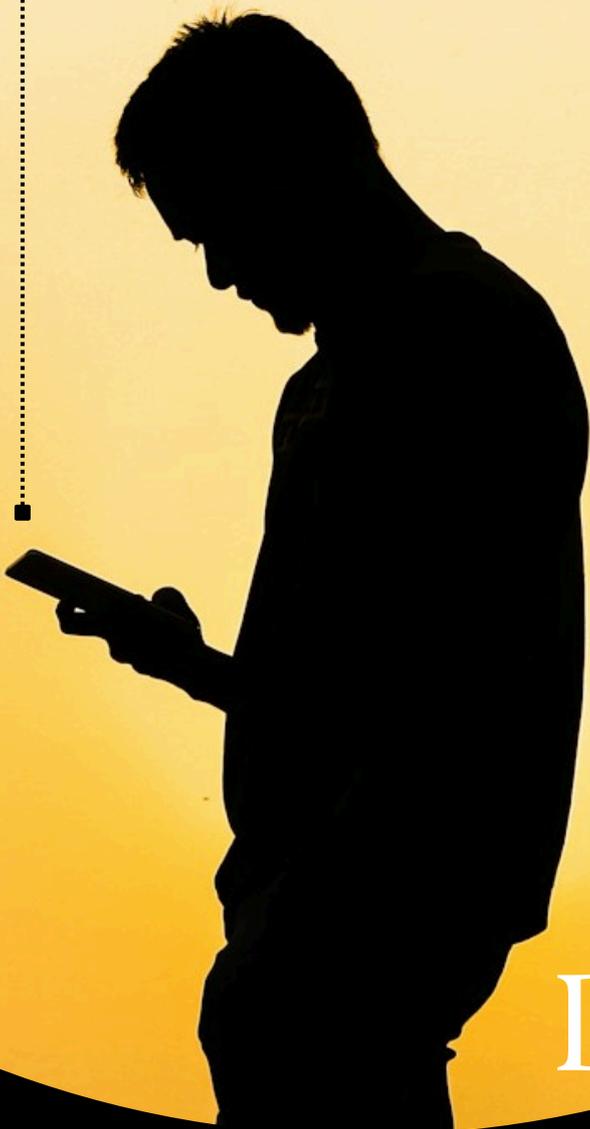


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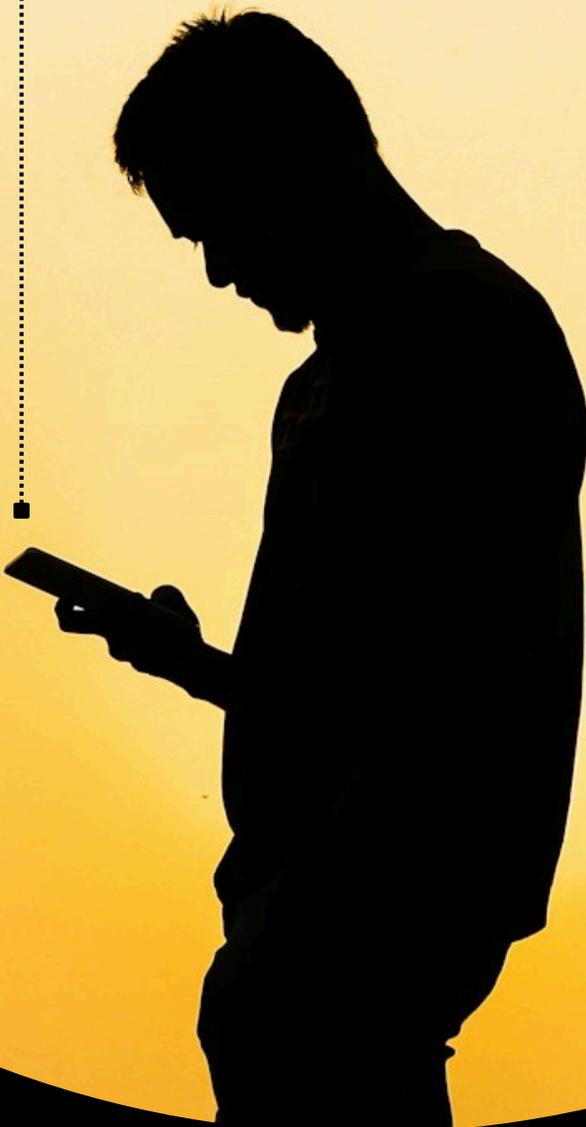


## DISCUSSION GUIDE

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## STORIES OF CHANGE

Have you experienced life transformation through heart discipleship in your everyday moments? We'd love to hear your story! Please share how God has been at work in your life here.



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## Introduction

- Read John 4:10, 25–29, 39 aloud.
- Share briefly: What stood out to you from this story?

## Our Hesitations

*“We hesitate when we don’t know... we hesitate when it’s costly.”*

- Where do you notice hesitation in your own life (service, work, family, relationships)?
- What usually fuels that hesitation—fear, uncertainty, cost, comfort, past hurts?

## God’s Invitation

*Jesus said, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink...” (John 4:10).*

- The Samaritan woman focused on ordinary water. Where do we sometimes focus on the ordinary instead of God’s greater invitation?
- How does seeing God’s call as a gift rather than a demand change our response?

## Who Is Calling?

- Read Exodus 3:12, Joshua 1:9, and Matthew 28:20.
- How does God reassure those He calls?
- What changes when we remember that the call is not just about what but about who is with us?

## Trust and Obedience

*Romans 8:15 says, "The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again."*

- What "trust fall" moment are you facing now?
- Which do you most need today?
  - God's sovereignty (He knows what He is doing)
  - God's redemption (He can make things right)
  - God's presence (He is with me)

## Prayer

In pairs or threes:

- Share one area where you are hesitating.
- Pray for one another to trust and obey God's call with courage.
- End together: "Lord, we trust You. Give us courage to obey Your call. Fill us with Your Spirit and send us with Your presence."

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## Introduction

- Share: How has God been speaking to you through this series so far?
- Read aloud Matthew 5:3–12 (the Beatitudes).

### 1. God Calls the Weak

*“God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.” (1 Corinthians 1:27)*

- Why do you think God delights in using weakness instead of strength?
- Where have you felt unqualified, inadequate, or “too weak” to respond to God’s call?

### 2. Blessed in Our Need

*Jesus said, “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:3)*

- What does it mean to be “poor in spirit”?
- How might recognising our spiritual poverty and need for God change the way we approach challenges in work, family, or personal struggles?

### 3. Power in Weakness

Paul wrote, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” (2 Corinthians 12:9)

- How have you experienced God’s power most clearly in times of weakness?
- What might it look like to rely on God’s strength rather than your own in your current season?

#### **4. Living the Upside-Down Kingdom**

- The Beatitudes describe people the world often overlooks—poor, meek, grieving, merciful, persecuted. Why does Jesus call them “blessed”?
- How can we, in humility and reliance on God, live out these Kingdom values in our workplaces, families, and friendships?

#### **Prayer Together**

In pairs or small groups:

1. Share one area where you feel weak or inadequate right now.
2. Pray for one another to experience God’s strength, comfort, and grace in those very places.
3. End by praying together: “Lord, we confess our need for You. In our weakness, show Your strength. Teach us to rely fully on You, and may our lives shine with Your Kingdom power and love.”

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## INVITATION – Jesus Sees and Calls You

*Read Luke 19:1–6.*

- What do you notice about Zacchaeus' effort to see Jesus?
- How do you “position yourself” to encounter God — in prayer, worship, or daily life?
- What might it look like to live with a posture of availability (arms open, heart open)?

*“Availability attracts the presence of God.”*

## CONVICTION - What Holds Me Back?

*Read Luke 19:7.*

- What barriers or voices might have told Zacchaeus he was unworthy?
- What keeps you from being fully available to God — fear, busyness, shame, control?
- Where might God be convicting you to “climb the tree” — to do whatever it takes to see Him?

**SURRENDER - Opening the Heart to Change**

*Read Luke 19:8*

- What does Zacchaeus' response show about his surrender?
- Where do you sense the Spirit inviting you to respond courageously or make something right?
- How could surrendering this area bring freedom and courage?

**BELIEF - Courage through the Spirit**

*Read Hebrews 11:6 and John 14:26.*

- How does faith in God's goodness build courage?
- Share a time when the Spirit helped move truth from your head to your heart.
- What do you now believe more deeply about God that gives you confidence to act?

**Prayer**

*In pairs or small groups:*

- Pray for one another to be available and courageous this week.
- Ask the Spirit to deepen your belief in His presence and goodness.

End together:

*"Lord, we open our hearts to You. Make us available to Your Spirit and courageous to follow Your call."*