



# KICK OFF

*Catholicism is not a spectator sport.*

4-Week Small Group Discussion Guide



*Welcome!*

## WHY SMALL GROUPS?

The Church has been gathering in small Christian communities since the beginning. These small Christian communities have formed the Church we know today. The small group model offers the faithful within our parish the opportunity to gather in community, pray together, and grow in faith.

Thank you for your participation in our small groups.

Thank you for rising to the occasion.

Thank you for answering the call to be Church.

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01

## ALL IN

To get through the narrow gate, you have to be *all in*. We need discipline to truly know Jesus, not just claim to have spent time with him - our salvation depends on it.

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## PLAYBOOK

Playbooks are for more than just sports - businesses have a playbook, even our Parish has a playbook. Jesus gives us a playbook for the ideal character of the church & Christians.

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## THERE IS NO "I" IN TEAM

You have to be willing to let it all go for the Lord. Winners in life don't always win; they don't give up.

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## TIME OUT

When someone is injured in a sporting event, everything stops. Everything stops for the one. God will stop everything for you.

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*week 01*

# ALL IN

## FOCAL POINT

*What do we want you to know?*

Knowing Jesus & having a good relationship is at the heart of our faith. The Gospel makes it clear that our destiny depends on the outcome of our encounter with Christ. Our salvation depends on whether or not we know Jesus, simply claiming to have spent time with him does not count.

## APPLICATION

*What do we want you to do?*

Take time this week and dedicate it to getting closer to Jesus. Whether it's meeting with your small group or spending time reflecting in prayer.



# group DISCUSSION

Readings: Is 66:18-21 | Ps 117:1, 2 | Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 | Lk 13:22-30

Read aloud from the Gospel of Luke. Then read aloud two more times.

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What stood out to you in our reading this week?

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Do you consider yourself a "tourist" of the Church? Or someone invested?

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Do you truly feel as if you are an active participant in God's Kingdom?  
Why or why not?

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Who/what has helped bring you into the kingdom? Who/what has given  
you resistance or discouragement?

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# PLAYBOOK

## FOCAL POINT

*What do we want you to know?*

Jesus gives us a playbook for the ideal character of the church & Christians. We are to have a heart of service, to give freely with no strings attached.

## APPLICATION

*What do we want you to do?*

We invite you to share your gifts with our parish! Get involved with a parish ministry today.

# group DISCUSSION

Readings: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 | Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11 | Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a | Lk 14:1, 7-14

Read aloud from the Gospel of Luke. Then read aloud two more times.

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What stood out to you in our reading this week?

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What is humility to you?

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What ways are you called to be humble, at home, at work, with friends?

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How have you felt called to serve, give to, and be part of the Church?

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# THERE IS NO "I" IN TEAM

## FOCAL POINT

*What do we want you to know?*

You have to be willing to let it all go for the Lord. Winners in life don't always win; they don't give up.

## APPLICATION

*What do we want you to do?*

Identify the thing or things you need to surrender so that you can walk with Jesus and be a disciple for Christ.



# group DISCUSSION

Readings: Wis 9:13-18b | Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 | Phmn 9-10, 12-17 | Lk 14:25-33

Read aloud from the Gospel of Luke. Then read aloud two more times.

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What stood out to you in our reading this week?

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Are there any areas of your life where you've been looking for happiness in the wrong place?

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What can make us sometimes think happiness and holiness are at odds with each other?

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What do you need to let go of so that God can come in?

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# TIME OUT

## FOCAL POINT

*What do we want you to know?*

You are the one that God is after. He wants to capture your heart. We also all know one, one who needs the Lord.

## APPLICATION

*What do we want you to do?*

Who can we invest in and invite to join us at church or here in our small group?



# group DISCUSSION

Readings: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14 | Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19 | 1 Tm 1:12-17 | Lk 15:1-10

Read aloud from the Gospel of Luke. Then read aloud two more times.

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What stood out to you in our reading this week?

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When have you felt called or invited by God? How did that call feel? How did you find yourself responding?

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When we are part of "the 99," how can we prayerfully support the ones who are lost?

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What would it feel like to be the lost sheep that the shepherd came to find?

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# personal REFLECTION

Over the course of these few weeks of gathering as a small group, how have you seen yourself growing in holiness? How have you used your gifts and talents more? How have you grown closer (to others) and to the Church? Which week has been most challenging to you? Which one has been the most comforting? Have you grown in your relationship with Jesus?

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