

**April**

**2023**

**ORCHARD ROAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

# **BIBLE FOR ALL (BFA) MATERIAL FOR DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS**

## **Luke – Discipleship**

### **Sermon Series**

**02 April 2023**

**Luke 8:4-21**

**How to Hear Jesus**

**16, 23 April 2023**

**Luke 8:40-56, 9:18-27**

**Jesus is Lord**

Note 9 April is Easter Sunday – the series will be disrupted for Easter Sunday

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What do you notice as you read this passage?

**Dig Deeper Study Tools**

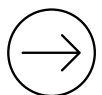
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What is the main idea of the passage?



What is the Spirit leading you to do in obedience to this passage?

What applications have you made to your life and faith?

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## **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).

## **GROUP: WORSHIP TOGETHER**

Prepare your hearts to read God's Word and apply it to your lives through worshipping together.

## **GROUP: STUDY**

Read Luke 8:4-21.

1. What questions did you have as you read the passage? Discuss them as a group.
2. What do you think is the message of the parable of the sower?
3. In v.16, the imagery used shifts from seed to light. Is it possible for someone to have true faith but for it (the true faith) to be hidden?
4. What was Jesus expected to do when he was told about his mother and brothers? Why is what he did instead significant?
5. Consider vv.4-21 as a whole. What does Jesus expect of his disciples?
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**

Discipleship involves hearing God's Word, obeying God's Word, and persevering with this throughout our lives. What steps can we take towards making this central to our lives?

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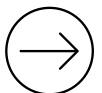
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1. What questions did you have as you read the passage? Discuss them as a group.
2. Luke 8:40 says that the crowd welcomed Jesus when he returned for they were all expecting him (ESV: waiting for him). What do you think the crowd wanted from Jesus? What link does this have to Jesus' instruction not to tell anyone about the healing of Jairus' daughter (Luke 8:56), to Jesus teaching his disciples what it means for him to be God's Messiah (Luke 9:21-22) and them following him (Luke 9:22-27)?
3. Israel had very strict laws on ceremonial purity. Those who experienced discharge from their bodies were unclean and they would contaminate anything or anyone they touched with their uncleanness (cf. Lev 15). Dead bodies were also considered unclean, and touching a dead body would mean being unclean for a week (cf. Num 19:14-16). Given this context, what is surprising about Jesus' encounter with the woman and with Jairus' daughter?
4. Why does Jesus ask the disciples who they say he is?
5. Jesus makes it a point to say that those who follow him will need to lose their lives for his sake rather than try to save their lives. Why do you think he says this? Is this still true for us today?
6. What is the main point of this passage?
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**GROUP: DISCIPLESHIP FOCUS**

Our faith in Jesus is the foundation of our discipleship. What does faith in Jesus look like in Luke 8:40-56 and Luke 9:18-28? Pray for your group to exhibit such faith.