

# LifeGroup Leader Discussion Guide

**Study Title: Jesus Curious — Start with Jesus**

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**Key Scripture:** “The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.” Luke 24:27

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## Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father,  
Thank You for bringing us together today. As we open Your Word, help us to see how all of Scripture points to Jesus. Clear away distractions, doubts, and preconceived ideas that keep us from truly encountering Him. Give us open hearts and minds, and let Your Spirit guide our discussion so that we not only understand more, but are transformed. Help us to follow Jesus more closely this week.  
In His name we pray, Amen.

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## Study Summary (for Leader to Read)

When investigating Christianity, it’s easy to get sidetracked by debates about history, science, church failures, or secondary theological issues. But Christianity is not primarily a philosophy or moral system—it is centered on a person: Jesus. When we start with Him, we begin to see that the entire Bible and even our deepest longings point directly to Him.

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## 1. Sermon Reflection

**Question:**

What ideas or moments from the sermon caught your attention most? Why?

**Leader Insight:**

This is a warm-up question. Listen for themes like curiosity about Jesus, frustration with distractions, or renewed focus on Christ. Affirm responses and look for opportunities to connect their answers back to the central idea: *starting with Jesus simplifies and clarifies faith.*

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## 2. Scripture Focus: Luke 24:13–35

### Question:

When we realize the Bible is a unified story pointing to Jesus, how does that change the way we read difficult or confusing Old Testament passages?

### Leader Insight:

Help the group see that Jesus reframes Scripture. The Old Testament isn't random—it builds toward Him (promise, prophecy, foreshadowing). Encourage examples (sacrifice system, Passover, covenant). Emphasize: instead of asking “What rule is this?” we ask, “How does this point to Jesus?”

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## 3. Engaging Skeptics

### Question:

Should we bypass debates about church history or science and instead focus on Jesus when talking with skeptics? Why or why not?

### Leader Insight:

Guide toward balance. It's not that those topics don't matter—but they can become distractions. Jesus is the most compelling and central issue. Encourage the idea: *if Jesus is who He claimed to be, everything else finds its place*. Keep tone gracious, not dismissive.

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## 4. The Person of Jesus

### Question:

What makes it hardest to dismiss Jesus as just another historical figure?

### Leader Insight:

Look for responses about His radical claims (forgiveness of sins, divinity), His authority, His compassion, or the resurrection. If needed, prompt: “Good teachers don't usually claim to be God.” Help the group see Jesus forces a response—He cannot remain neutral.

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## 5. Distractions from Jesus

**Question:**

What is one distraction or side issue that has tripped you up—or our culture today? How can we redirect back to Jesus?

**Leader Insight:**

Common answers: hypocrisy in the church, politics, science debates, suffering, social issues. Validate struggles, but gently guide toward redirection:

- Ask: “What does Jesus say or do about that?”
  - Encourage curiosity over argument.  
The goal is not to “win” debates, but to point people to Christ.
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**6. Scripture Focus: 1 Corinthians 15:14****Question:**

Why is the resurrection essential to our faith?

**Leader Insight:**

Emphasize: without the resurrection, Christianity collapses. Jesus becomes just a teacher, not Saviour. The resurrection validates His identity, authority, and victory over sin and death. This grounds faith in history—not just feelings or ideas.

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**7. Following Jesus: Mark 8:34****Question:**

Where is Jesus calling you to “deny yourself” right now?

**Leader Insight:**

Encourage specificity (time, habits, relationships, priorities, comfort, control). This may get personal—create a safe space. Remind the group: denying self isn’t about losing life, but finding true life in Jesus.

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**8. Head to Heart: Luke 24:32****Question:**

When has your “heart burned” as truth became real to you?

**Leader Insight:**

This is about personal encounter, not just knowledge. Allow space for testimonies. If

people struggle, prompt with examples: a verse that hit deeply, a prayer moment, a time of conviction or clarity. Highlight the role of the Holy Spirit in making truth come alive.

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## **9. Living It Out: Luke 6:46**

### **Question:**

Where is the biggest gap between what you know and what you do?

### **Leader Insight:**

This requires honesty. Normalize the gap—we all have one. Encourage practical next steps, not guilt. Follow up with:

- “What’s one small step this week?”
  - “How can we support you?”  
Consider accountability or prayer partnerships.
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## **Leader Tips**

- Keep bringing the conversation back to Jesus—not abstract ideas.
  - Don’t rush silence; meaningful reflection often takes time.
  - Affirm honesty and vulnerability.
  - Redirect gently if conversation becomes argumentative or off-track.
  - End on hope and action, not just discussion.
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