

Growth Group Curriculum – RESIST: Women Who Funded Jesus' Ministry

Scripture: Luke 8:1–3

Theme: God works through ordinary generosity and unseen faithfulness to change the world.

Opening Icebreaker (5 minutes)

Ask everyone at the table:

Have you ever helped support something important even though you weren't the person in the spotlight? What was it?

Scripture Reading (5 minutes)

- Luke 8:1–3
- Ask the group: What stands out or surprises you about these verses?

Teaching Summary (5–7 minutes)

- Jesus traveled throughout towns preaching about the Kingdom of God.
- The twelve disciples traveled with him.
- But Luke also highlights that several women traveled with Jesus and financially supported the ministry.
- These women included Mary Magdalene, Joanna (connected to Herod's household), Susanna, and many others.
- These supporters made Jesus' traveling ministry possible.

Key Insight #1 – Jesus' Ministry Ran on Generosity

- Why do you think Jesus allowed others to support his ministry instead of providing miraculously for everything?
- Do you find it harder to give or harder to receive? Why?
- What are ways generosity changes both the giver and the receiver?

Key Insight #2 – Our Giving Reveals Our Heart

- Why do you think Jesus talked about money and generosity so often?

- What are ways people can support God's work besides money?
- What does sacrificial generosity look like today?

Key Insight #3 – Not Everyone is Visible, But Everyone is Essential

- Why do we tend to celebrate visible leadership more than behind-the-scenes faithfulness?
- Who are people whose quiet faithfulness has impacted your life?
- What role might God be inviting you to play in supporting His work?

Big Takeaways

- God often accomplishes His work through ordinary generosity.
- Our resources and our faith are deeply connected.
- You don't have to be visible to be essential in God's mission.

Application (5 minutes)

- How will you participate in God's work this week?
- How attentive are you to the ways God might be nudging you to help someone?
- What is one practical way you can support Christ's work this week?

Closing Prayer

Lord, thank you for inviting us to participate in your work. Help us recognize the ways our generosity, time, and faithfulness can make a difference in the world. Amen.