

2026-04-12 Small Group Guide

Small Group Guide: "Silence is Golden, But Sometimes It's Just Plain Yellow"

Opening Prayer (2-3 minutes)

Begin by asking God to open hearts and minds to His Word, and for courage to respond to what He's calling each person to do.

Icebreaker (5-10 minutes)

Question: Share about a time when you were afraid to speak up about something important. What held you back? What happened as a result?

Key Scripture

Luke 24:1-49 - The Resurrection and Commission to Tell Others

Discussion Questions

Part 1: Recognizing What We Have (10-15 minutes)

The pastor mentioned that "if you don't have anything good to say about Jesus, what's your excuse?" What would you say is the "good news" about Jesus in your own words?

Read Luke 24:11 - The disciples didn't believe the women's testimony at first. Why do you think we sometimes struggle to fully believe what God has done, even when we know it intellectually?

The sermon emphasized that salvation isn't just "one and done." How would you describe the difference between "a salvation by works" and "a salvation that works"?

Part 2: The Call to Tell Others (15-20 minutes)

Read Luke 24:44-49 - Jesus commanded the disciples to preach repentance and forgiveness to all nations. Why do you think this command is so often

ignored or minimized by believers today?

The pastor said, "We're more concerned about people liking us than about people loving Jesus." Do you agree? What are the specific fears that keep you from talking about Jesus with others?

The Emmaus Road disciples (Luke 24:13-35) were talking about Jesus even before they recognized Him. What does it look like practically to have conversations about Jesus be as natural as talking about current events or sports?

Part 3: Examining Our Hearts (15-20 minutes)

The sermon asked: "How much do you love Jesus? And how much have you really given Him?" Take a moment of silence for personal reflection, then share (if comfortable): What is one area where you know you're holding back from full surrender?

Read John 15:5 - Jesus said those who abide in Him will bear "much fruit." What kind of "fruit" should be evident in a believer's life? What fruit is currently visible in your life?

The pastor mentioned that Jason's coworker got baptized after seeing Jason's changed life. Who in your life has noticed a change in you because of Christ? Who might be watching your life right now?

Part 4: The Tower of Babel Connection (10-15 minutes)

Read Genesis 11:1-9 - The pastor connected this story to Jesus' command to reach all nations. What does this passage teach us about God's plan for diversity and the spread of the gospel?

Genesis 11:6 says when people are unified in purpose, "nothing they plan to do will be impossible." What could happen if Christians unified around Jesus' mission to tell the world about Him?

Key Takeaways

The resurrection isn't just a story to believe—it's news to share. The women and disciples couldn't help but tell others what they'd witnessed.

Salvation transforms us, and transformation should be visible. "Changed people change people."

Fear of people reveals we don't fear God enough. Jesus is worthy of our bold witness, regardless of the cost.

Knowing Jesus means making Jesus known. If we truly know Him, we'll naturally talk about Him.

The Holy Spirit empowers us to speak. We're not doing this in our own strength—God equips those He calls.

Our silence may cost someone eternity. We have the only message that can save people from hell.

Practical Applications

This Week's Challenge: Choose ONE

Option 1: The Conversation Starter

Pray daily for one specific person who doesn't know Jesus

Initiate at least one spiritual conversation this week (doesn't have to be "the whole gospel"—just talk about what God is doing in your life)

Option 2: The Scripture Study

Read through Luke 24 daily this week

Each day, write down one thing you learn about Jesus that you could share with someone

Share your findings with the group next week

Option 3: The Testimony Prep

Write out your testimony in 3-5 minutes (What was life like before Christ?

How did you meet Him? What has changed since?)

Practice sharing it with a Christian friend or family member

Ask God for an opportunity to share it with someone who needs to hear it

Option 4: The Bold Step

Identify one person you've been afraid to talk to about Jesus

Pray specifically for courage and an open door

Take one step toward that conversation (send a text, invite them to coffee, share a relevant article, etc.)

Accountability Questions

Who is one person you will commit to praying for this week?

What specific fear about sharing Jesus do you need to confess and surrender to God?

How can this group support you in being bolder for Christ?

Closing Reflection

Read together: Luke 24:46-48 "He told them, 'This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'"

Silent Reflection (2-3 minutes):

Are you living as a witness of these things?

What needs to change?

Closing Prayer

Have each person pray for the person on their right, specifically asking God to:

Give them boldness to speak about Jesus

Bring divine appointments this week

Remove fear and replace it with love for the lost

Help them die to self and live for Christ

Before Next Week

Follow through on your chosen practical application

Be ready to share what happened when you stepped out in faith

Continue praying for the person God laid on your heart

Leader Notes

Be vulnerable first. Share your own struggles with speaking up about Jesus

Avoid condemnation. The goal is conviction that leads to action, not shame

Celebrate small steps. If someone shares about a spiritual conversation, affirm them!

Keep the focus on Jesus. This isn't about making people feel guilty—it's about falling more in love with Jesus so we can't help but talk about Him