



Following JESUS

LEADER'S NOTES

Week 6: Jesus Leads Us to a Purposeful Destination

QUESTION 1

This first question exposes your group to our scripture for the week. Take some time to discuss the scripture and enjoy this question.

QUESTION 2

Jesus is leading us to a purposeful destination, one place that He's leading us is to grow and develop, to become. Question two deals with this topic. The question also asks how people grow. Here are some thoughts that might help you lead this discussion. Here are practical, actionable ways to grow in your faith:

Essential Daily & Weekly Habits

- **Study the Bible Daily:** Read, meditate on, and apply Scripture to your life to gain wisdom and guidance.
- **Engage in Prayer:** Develop a consistent, daily prayer life that includes talking with God and listening to Him.
- **Regular Church Attendance:** Connect with a community of believers for fellowship, support, and to grow together.
- **Practice Repentance:** Continually turn away from sin and surrender your heart to the lordship of Christ.

Active Growth & Service

- **Serve Others:** Use your time and talents to serve in your church and local community.
- **Share Your Faith:** Be a witness to others, testifying about the gospel and sharing Christ's love.
- **Engage in Discipleship:** Participate in small group ministries, Bible studies, or find a mentor to help you grow.
- **Depend on the Holy Spirit:** Rely on the Holy Spirit for strength and guidance in all areas of life.

Overcoming Challenges

- **Face Temptation:** Prepare to overcome temptations by relying on God's word and the Holy Spirit.
- **Stay Consistent:** Treat growth as a daily, lifelong process, rather than an overnight change

QUESTION 3

The third question highlights that Jesus intends to send us out to impact and influence others for His kingdom. The question didn't ask about your group members' experience with serving others. I suggest you go first by sharing your experience, even as a group leader, and then allow the group to discuss this question. I believe this will motivate them to continue serving.

QUESTION 4

The fourth and final question deals with the ultimate destination that Jesus is leading us to which is eternal life. The question asks how the hope of heaven should impact the daily life of those who believe in Jesus. Here are some thoughts on this question.

The hope of heaven transforms daily life by anchoring believers in eternal purpose rather than temporary, earthly pursuits, providing strength through suffering, and motivating holy living. It fosters joyful endurance, reduces fear of death, and encourages the use of time and resources for God's kingdom.

Impact on Daily Life:

- **Promotes Purity and Holiness:** The hope of seeing Jesus encourages believers to cleanse themselves. **"Everyone who has this hope fixed on Him, Jesus, purifies himself, just as He is pure" (1 John 3:2-3).**
- **Fosters Endurance During Difficult Times:** Hope offers perspective in tough moments, reminding us that current trials are temporary. **"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you... Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven" (Matthew 5:11-12).**
- **Shifts Priorities to Eternal Values:** It encourages dedicating time and resources to God's kingdom rather than focusing solely on earthly comforts. **"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth... but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven" (Matthew 6:19-20).**
- **Provides Strength and Joy:** Knowing that heaven is the final destination offers strength in daily life and hope during difficult times. **"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth" (Colossians 3:2).**
- **Encourages Active Service:** The reality of eternity motivates believers to serve faithfully today. **"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:58).**