

Discovery Community Church – Small Group Discussion Guide

Traction – 4/14/24

Luke 14:28-30

INTRODUCTION

- Are there things in your past that you've devoted a lot of effort to that seem to have been a waste of time or effort? Why is that, and what has the effect been?

DISCUSSION

Have a volunteer read Luke 14:28-30

- What point was Jesus making through His illustration about the tower builder? What “towers” or goals require a lot of perseverance to complete or attain successfully? Does a good foundation always result in a completed tower? Why/why not?
- What “towers” are you trying to build; what goals do you have that seem pretty lofty? Career, financial, family, other relationships, etc.?
- What are the foundations we lay in our lives to help us achieve our goals? What have you done to lay the groundwork for success as you work toward your life goals? What costs have arisen that affect your ability to pursue success?
- What unused foundations or incomplete towers are there in your life right now? What has paid off in your past efforts? What foundations have you laid that have resulted in a successful outcome? Why was it successful, was it the foundation or what came after?
- As followers of Jesus, what is our foundation, and what is our completed tower? What are the costs to following Jesus that we face along the way?
- How do you feel it's going for you, building on your foundation of faith in Jesus? What makes it hard to persevere?

Have a volunteer read Hebrews 12:1-3.

- Who do you think the “great cloud of witnesses” is in this passage? Why should their presence prompt us to throw off hindrances and entanglements?
- Is the presence of witnesses to your faith journey an encouragement to you, or a discouragement? Why?
- What does it mean to fix our eyes on Jesus? What does it mean that he is the author and perfecter of our faith? Is there any encouragement to be gained in the knowledge that our faith and its “perfection” are in Jesus' hands?
- What do you do if you get to the end of a day, week, month, etc. and you feel as though you haven't been running the race, or maybe feel you've been running in the wrong direction? Where do you turn? Is there any inspiration in these passages for how to address our feelings of failure?

APPLICATION

- What can you do this week to fix your eyes more fully on Jesus? Who could you encourage this week to push through the costs and continue to pursue faith?
- How can your group be praying for you?