

Discovery Community Church – Small Group Discussion Guide

Traction – 4/21/24

Luke 14:31-33

INTRODUCTION

- Think of what you consider to be your greatest accomplishments. How would you feel about your life if these accomplishments were erased or taken from you?

DISCUSSION

Have a volunteer read Luke 14:31-33

- What point was Jesus making through his illustrations about the king? What might the king expect the terms to be to avoid war with the other king? Will there be a cost for him and his people?
- How does this illustration about the king relate to Jesus' statement in verse 33: "In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples"?
- What does it mean to give up everything to follow Jesus? Is this possible for us? How? Why does Jesus require this? What is the purpose beyond making us do hard things?
- What things in your life would you find most difficult to give up for the sake of following Christ?

Have a volunteer read Philippians 3:7-11.

- What do you think Paul means in verse 8 when he says he considers "everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord for whose sake I have lost all things"?
- What is righteousness? How do you become righteous before God?
- What does "the righteousness from God that depends on faith" look like in your life? How do you see it in the lives of people you know?
- Paul states his goal is to "know Christ". According to this passage, what does knowing Christ involve? Does Paul's goal sound possible for most people? For you? Why or why not?
- What has your experience been with regard to knowing Christ more, what have you learned? What things do you do to get to know Christ better?
- What would it look like to know the power of his resurrection? To share in his suffering? To become like him in his death?

APPLICATION

- Is there anything you feel God might be calling you to "give up" to properly follow him? What would it look like for you to take a step toward making that commitment?
- How can your group be praying for you?