

Discovery Community Church – Small Group Discussion Guide

Traction – 4/28/24

Luke 14:34-35

INTRODUCTION

- What do we use salt for? What do you think of food with no salt?

DISCUSSION

Have a volunteer read Luke 14:34-35

- What does the salt analogy emphasize about following Jesus? As followers of Jesus, what makes us “salty”? What qualities should we aspire to maintain and grow as Christians who are truly seeking to follow Jesus daily?
- Why might a follower of Jesus lose their “saltiness” over time? What happens in our lives that shifts our focus away from Jesus?
- Have you ever found it difficult to maintain your commitment to following Jesus? What makes it difficult, when are you most likely to falter in your commitment?
- When has it seemed easier to follow Jesus? What made the difference for you?

Have a volunteer read Luke 9:23 and John 14:26-27

- What does it look like to pick up your cross daily? What things should we be doing, saying, thinking, if we are truly serious about living out our whole lives as followers of Jesus?
- Why is it important that we make this a constant commitment rather than simply treating our faith as a goal or challenge that we schedule into our lives?
- What are some specific things we can do to maintain our “saltiness”? What are some disciplines or techniques you employ in your life to keep your focus on Jesus? What are some things other people do that you would like to try?
- The verses from John were spoken by Jesus to his disciples after he told them he would be leaving them. What do you think it would have felt like to hear him promise the Holy Spirit at that time?
- What is the significance of this promise for us today as followers of Jesus? Do you take any comfort from these words of Jesus? How does the Holy Spirit help us with our faith journey?
- In what way do you experience the peace that Jesus gives? How can we lean more into the promises of Jesus, day by day, hour by hour, moment by moment as we pursue a lifetime of following him?

APPLICATION

- What action is God calling you to this week? What step could you take forward in your efforts to grow your daily focus on following Jesus?
- How can your group be praying for you?