

Lenten Small  
Group Study Guide  
Midtown

# The Questions Jesus Asked

WHY CALL ME LORD AND NOT DO WHAT I SAY?



## CONNECT

WEEK 1: FEB 26 - MAR 4

### WELCOME (10 MIN)

- What one word describes your week? Make sure everybody in the group joins in.
- If you are a new group, spend some time getting to know one another.
- Take attendance. Who's missing? Who can check on them this week?

### PRAY (10 MIN)

#### Be still and know that I am God

This prayer practice will help us gather into the present moment and be ready for a deeper encounter with the scripture, with one another, and with God. Sit comfortably with feet flat on the floor and hands relaxed in our laps. Close your eyes or focus on something. Take a deep breath.

I will read the prayer and pause after each line, so we can take a couple of deep breaths together. As I pray, just listen. Pay attention to the feelings and thoughts that bubble up, and then let them go. Let's start by taking two deep breaths. (breath) (breath)

Leader: "BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD." (breath)

Leader: "BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM." (breath)

Leader: "BE STILL AND KNOW." (breath)

Leader: "BE STILL." (breath)

Leader: "BE." (breath)

Leader: "AMEN." How did that feel? Try this at home.

### *Luke 6:46-49*

"Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord' and don't do what I say?"

I'll show what it's like when someone comes to me, hears my words, and puts them into practice.

It's like a person building a house by digging deep and laying the foundation on bedrock. When the flood came, the rising water smashed against that house, but the water couldn't shake the house because it was well built.

But those who don't put into practice what they hear are like a person who built a house without a foundation. The floodwater smashed against it and it collapsed instantly. It was completely destroyed."

## CULTIVATE

### READ THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

Luke 6:46-49

### DISCUSS (30 MINUTES)

ASK - What caught your attention in the sermon? Encourage everyone to participate!

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### CULTIVATE (CONT'D)

#### DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- What are you looking for this Lenten Season?
- This week's question is "Why do you call me Lord, Lord and don't do what I say?" What kind of response does this question spark in you?
- The question Jesus asks today is a question of integrity (having our actions match our words and beliefs). Share about a person you have seen demonstrate integrity.
- Have you ever found yourself in a position where your actions did not match what you believed? What impact did that have on you and the situation you were in?
- Read Luke 6:27-31. Much of what Jesus tells us to do involves loving people in very countercultural ways. Which of these things feels the most challenging and why?
- Read Luke 6:43-45. These are the words that Jesus says immediately before he asks this week's question. What kind of fruit do you hope that your life will bear as you grow in your faith?

### CHANGE THE WORLD

Tenant Advocacy Group and Family Promise (Impact = Housing Stability)

Indiana has one of the worst eviction rates in the nation, second only to New York City. Housing instability is at the root of a multitude of social determinants of health. Our Tenant Advocacy Group fights unjust systems by advocating for legislation and acting as court watchers in eviction proceedings. We partner with Family Promise to secure temporary shelter for families with children.

Learn more here - <https://stlukesumc.com/serve-locally>

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### CLOSE

#### PRAY (5 MIN)

- Ask for any prayer requests
- Prayer start: Dear God, as we journey together this Lent, help us to be open to discovering new parts of our faith and our relationship with you. Bet at work in us and through us.  
Amen

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