

COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Our Great King

LUKE 22:1-30

OVERVIEW

Luke is the longest and most comprehensive of the four Gospels, presenting Jesus as the Perfect Man who came to save sinners. Growing belief and growing opposition develop side by side. Those who believe Jesus' claims are challenged to count the cost of discipleship; those who oppose him will not be satisfied until the Son of Man hangs lifeless on a cross. But the resurrection ensures that his ministry of seeking and saving the lost will continue through his disciples once they have been equipped with the indwelling Holy Spirit. Luke reveals that Jesus is the King, and he has come to inaugurate his Kingdom. (Adapted from *Talk Through the Bible*).

APPLY // LUKE 21

1. Luke 21 describes what will take place before Jesus returns. While there are many details not immediately clear, the application is clear – “Stay awake” (vv. 34-36).
2. What tempts us to take our mind and desires off of Jesus' return? What types of things weigh our hearts down?
3. Practically speaking, how can we help each other stay awake? What role does prayer have in this endeavor?
4. Praise God for his faithfulness in all that he has fulfilled according to his promises and pray that we'd trust him to fulfill all that he has promised.

OBSERVE & INTERPRET // LUKE 22:1-30

Study the passage of Scripture aiming to faithfully interpret and apply what you observe. Remember we study God's word not just to increase our knowledge, but to increase our trust in and treasuring of Jesus Christ.

Overview/Big Idea: Religious leaders serve themselves to betray Jesus. Jesus serves others by laying down his life – and calls all his disciples to sacrificially serve others.

1. Read Luke 22:1-30.
2. Notice when these events are taking place – “the Passover.” What's significant about the Passover?
3. According to verse 2, what's the focus of the religious leaders?
4. How does the chief priests' and scribes' fear of the people affect their desire to put Jesus to death?
5. According to verses 4-6, how do these verses explain why Satan selected Judas to betray Jesus?

6. Verse 7 brings us to the day of Unleavened Bread, the day the Passover Lamb was sacrificed. What is the significance of that sacrifice?
 7. In verses 8-13, Jesus gives his disciples instructions regarding where they are to celebrate the Passover. What do these verses teach us about Jesus?
 8. What does Jesus mean in verses 14-16?
 9. What does the bread represent? The cup?
 10. Notice verse 22 says, "The Son of Man goes as it has been determined." What does this mean? What does this reveal about God's character and the trustworthiness of Scripture?
 11. In verse 24, what direction does the conversation go? What does this tell us about the disciples?
 12. How does Jesus respond to the disciples' dispute among themselves?
 - a. What does "exercise lordship over them" mean?
 - b. What does it mean those in authority are called "benefactors"?
 - c. What kind of leadership does Jesus desire?
 - d. What point was Jesus making with his two questions in verse 27?
 13. Discuss how Jesus views leadership, servanthood and authority. How does this compare with how many think of leadership and authority in our context?
 14. In verses 28-30, for what does Jesus commend his disciples? What does Jesus promise to his disciples?
- General Bible study questions:
 - **God:** What does this passage teach me about the character of God?
 - **Humanity:** What does this passage teach me about myself and my need for God?
 - **Christ:** How does this passage teach me that God has met my needs in the person and work of Jesus Christ?
 - **Response:** How should I respond with my affections and my actions?
 - **God:** How does this passage help me hope in heaven?

ACCOUNTABILITY

Relationships developed and deepened during accountability provide regular encouragement, and when necessary admonition, to spur each other on to delight in the supremacy of Jesus Christ. Ask one another heart-probing, clarifying questions, and help each other apply the gospel to your lives.

QUESTION: How are you doing at staying alert for Jesus' return? How's your hope in heaven? How can we spur each other on toward these ends?