

THE WAY

Group/Individual Study

Week of January 15

Title: Living in the Dust of the Rabbi

Biblical Passage: Luke 5:1-11; 27-32; 6:12-16

The Question: *Will you commit to living in the dust of the rabbi, Jesus?*

Getting Focused

1. Read the passages below and answer these questions from the text.
 - a. Luke 5:1-11 – What caused the disciples to leave everything and follow Jesus?
 - b. Luke 5:27-32 – What happened right before this verse? How did that impact Matthew?
 - c. Luke 6:12-16 – What does this passage tell you about how Jesus “calls” us to follow Him?

2. Sharing your story – Use one of the questions below to share with the group.
 - a. What has amazed you and caused you to follow Jesus?
 - b. What do you think about the fact that the Father has spoken your name into the ear of Christ?
 - c. If you are just checking Jesus out, what do you think about what you have heard so far?

Group Reflection

If Jesus was standing in this room right now and said to you, “Follow Me,” how would you describe your response ?

Core Point

1. Read out loud Luke 5:27.
 - a. Gary invited us to live in the dust of our Rabbi by entering into the three things below. Which aspect of this challenges you? Why?
 - ⇒ Pursue by mastering the text
 - ⇒ Engage by living in community
 - ⇒ Sacrifice by taking on His yoke

 - b. What has the Holy Spirit asked you to commit to? How are you going to “get dusty”?

Our Prayer

May you believe in God. But may you come to see that God believes in you. May you have faith in Jesus. But may you come to see that Jesus has faith that you can be like Him. A person of love and compassion and truth. A person of forgiveness, and peace, and grace, and joy, and hope. And may you be covered in the dust of your rabbi, Jesus.

THE WAY: FACILITATOR EXPECTATIONS

1. Pray & Prepare

- **Pray**
 - *Daily* for obstacles to be moved and for Him to prepare the way for change.
- **Prepare**
 - *Read* the chapter of *Radical* prior to the weekly message.
 - *Hear* the weekly Sunday message (online if you miss it).
 - *Review* the group study prior and wrestle with the material yourself.

2. Lead & Facilitate

- **Lead**
 - *Go over the Group Expectations*: Preview bookmark right away and often if needed.
 - *Take attendance weekly*: We will check in with you at Week 4.
 - *Be the leader*: Set the pace, encourage, and guide the conversation.
- **Facilitate**
 - *Get to know your group*: Name & SCOOP (Spiritually, Career, Others, Ongoing, Passions).
 - *Contact them weekly*: By email, phone, or in person on Sunday. If absent, within 48 hours.
 - *Don't teach unless necessary*: Teachers provide information and make statements designed to train or educate, whereas facilitators ask open-ended questions and create an environment that fosters discussion and discovery.
 - *Expect everyone to participate*: Do this by drawing people out graciously (e.g., What do you think? And who will share next? Someone who hasn't spoken yet.)
 - *Protect people and their ideas*:
 - Listen (70%) more than you talk (30%). Don't be afraid of silence.
 - Don't allow anyone to monopolize the conversation or dismiss others' ideas.
 - Let the Holy Spirit guide your time. If He says stop and pray for someone, do it.
 - *Prioritize prayer*: Don't let it slip away.
 - *Coach, don't solve problems*: Use the COACH approach in private or public.
 - What *Change* do you desire? And why?
 - What *Options* do you have?
 - What *Actions* will you take?
 - What *Constraints* might hold you back from moving forward?
 - What *Hope* have you gained from this conversation?

"The study is not sacred, but the people and the process are."