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Discipleship Phrase: Jesus comes to disrupt our perception of power, security and control.

Big Idea for Series: Our expectations are not always God's realization.

Abiding (*grow as a disciple yourself*)

Have you made it a priority to put God first in your life? In Matthew 6:33, Jesus said "seek first the kingdom of God." In your prayer this week, reflect on what that actually means. Spend some intentional time to study. Also, ponder God's will for your life and explore if you have truly surrendered your life to His will. God wants you to partner with Him in the mission of spreading the gospel and the building of his kingdom. You have been created by God, chosen by God, and equipped by God to fulfill his agenda, not yours. True intimacy with God and feeling His presence happens when you learn to fully trust him to replace your plans with his.

Leading (*facilitate your group effectively*)

As you lean into the message this week, spend some time thinking about how advantageous it is for you to die to yourself (Lk. 9:23) and your own agenda. Question 2 asks us to consider where we might be crowding out space for the Lord to work in our lives. When we allow our plans to take a "back-seat" we create margin for God. Margin creates space for intimacy. Intimacy with Jesus gives insight into His will/path for our lives. His path (alone) will bring about wholeness in each of us. Question 3 begs us to examine how our intimacy may deepen if we let prioritize God's agenda. Think of some ways you can die to yourself, so you can live in the freedom of Christ (2 Cor. 3:17).

Shepherding (*know, feed, lead, and protect the sheep*)

Being a shepherd is not a task to take lightly, there is a certain weight that comes with it. The rewards of seeing others deepen in their walk with Christ as they grow spiritually are life giving for them, as well as, for you as a leader. Such great reward is not without great responsibility. A part of that responsibility is accountability and encouragement. Build up those in your care by encouraging them to regularly attend Sunday services. This provides a space to grow in their walk with God, to worship him corporately, and to fellowship and connect as a church family. It also will give them framework for the discussion during Life Group. From an accountability stand point, look for your members at church, know the service times they attend, if they miss a day, reach out and let them know they were missed. Treat your weekly group time the same. Finally, as a shepherd, we must model it well and be prepared to do what we're asking others to do. Make certain that church, and group, attendance is a consistent priority in your own walk so that you're sure to model it well.

Church Announcements (*be in the know & share with your group*)

- The Gathering for women is March 11th from 7-8:30 PM. Register [here!](#)
- Men's breakfast March 20th from 7:30-9 AM. Register [here!](#)

REMEMBER: "Every group deserves a great leader."

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Welcome/Introductions (*creating a relational environment starts here; be friendly & acknowledge everyone*)

Open in Prayer (*kickoff every group gathering with honoring the Lord*)

Ice Breaker, God Moments, or Highs & Lows (*choose one that is best for your group this week*)

Weekly Vision Checklist (*See Flipbook re: announcements, the “why”, goal, outreach, guidelines, & branching*)

Ask a Hook Question (*a thought-provoking question to get the group heading in the right direction*)

What is something you have spent your time and energy on that you let dominate your margin?

Recap Last Week's Message (*ask a couple people to share what stood out to them in this week's message*)

Scriptures References (*Read scriptures **directly from the Bible**—it carries its own authority*)

Matthew 23:1-7 (NIV), **Matthew** 24:1-3 (NIV), **Matthew** 26:14-16 (NIV), **Matthew** 26:20-25 (NIV), **Matthew** 26:47-56 (NIV)

Implications (*takeaways from the message*)

1. Even though Judas was one of the twelve disciples, he was no better than the Pharisees because of his need to push his own version of how circumstances should unfold.
2. God is under no obligation to honor any person's ideology of what the church should be; God only honors his agenda for the Kingdom.
3. Jesus' invitation is to let our agenda die so that resurrection can take its fullest place in our hearts and in the world.
4. There is just one ending. Because God is in control, we can let go of whatever steals our peace.

Discussion Questions (*going beyond the surface*)

1. How did Jesus speak of the agenda of the Pharisee's? (See Matthew 23:1-7)
2. What are you prioritizing in your agenda that is preventing you from having margin for God's agenda?
3. How might your intimacy with God deepen if you let that go?
4. How can you become a margin maker for God's agenda?

Prayer Requests (*record, share, and follow up throughout the week. Use the LEAD App or CCB if possible.*)

Closing Prayer (*ask openly for a volunteer, encourage your people to step outside of their comfort zone regularly*)