



Life Group Discussion Guide

December 29 – Luke 18:18-27 – Jesus Over Everything

Icebreaker:

What is the most ambitious New Year's resolution you've made for yourself?

Discussion Questions:

1. In the sermon, Eric had us consider the truth: "When a *good* thing becomes an *ultimate* thing, it becomes a *destructive* thing." Are there ways you have inadvertently promoted a *good* thing to the place of an *ultimate* thing? Have you seen that become destructive in your life or in the lives of those around you? Consider and share. (*Some examples from the sermon were especially related to significance and security.*)
2. What are some practical ways we can guard against the misplaced priorities of good things or goals in our lives as we desire to follow Jesus?
3. Ask someone to read **Luke 18:18-27** aloud.
 - What stands out to you from this text?
 - What are we to learn from this passage?
 - Do you relate to the rich, young ruler? How so?
 - How does Jesus challenge the ruler? How does He offer hope to His disciples?
4. In the sermon, we learned about the 11th & 12th century practice of European Christian soldiers who held one of their hands and their sword out of the baptismal waters, in an effort to demonstrate that portion of their bodies and lives were not subject to death to self and so were not obliged to be surrendered to Christ in their use. This begs the question for us today: Are you holding anything up and out of the baptismal water? Is there anything you find difficult to surrender to the Lord? In other words, what would make you sad, like the rich young ruler, if you were asked to surrender it for the Kingdom?

5. Jesus said, in verse 27, "What is impossible with men is possible with God." We are not left to our own willpower and strength when we are asked to surrender something for the Kingdom. Indeed, we saw this explained in the sermon when we were reminded that we have the power of the Holy Spirit and the power of community and accountability in the Church to help us grow in our surrender to the Lord. How have you experienced the power of the Holy Spirit to help you in this? How have you seen the community and accountability of the Church help you grow in your desire to surrender and in living for the Kingdom? How have you seen the impossible become possible with God?
6. What is one way you want to live a more surrendered life in 2025? What can you give to the Lord in greater surrender this year? How can our small group help you with this?
7. Finish your time together in prayer for one another. Make a list of the "things/habits" each member longs to surrender to the Lord in greater measure in 2025 (either have each member do this or plan to distribute the list at your next meeting). Pray over this list as a group and commit to pray for one another in the year to come. Commit to check in with one another for accountability over the next many weeks and at periodic intervals in the coming year. Commit to make this prayer and accountability in discipleship and growth a greater part of your group's experience in 2025, beginning with this week's application.

What's Happening in the Life of Legacy:

More details on these events can be found at lcc.org/whats-happening

All Campus

- **Advance the Kingdom:** We have exciting news in the life of Legacy! We want everyone to go "All In" on Project Advance. Learn more here: <https://lcc.org/advance/>
- **Young Adult New Year's Eve Night of Worship:** Dec 31, 8:00 pm – 12:00 am. OP Campus.
- **LSM Winter Retreat:** Jan. 24 – 26. Youthfront West.
- **Spring Volleyball League:** beginning January 27 at the Blue Valley Campus.
- **Women's Event - Rooted in God's Story:** Feb. 7 – 8 at the Blue Valley Campus.

Local Serving Opportunities:

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