

Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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BIBLE PASSAGE - Matthew 11:1-30

1 After Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in the towns of Galilee. **2** When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples **3** to ask him, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?"

4 Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: **5** The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. **6** Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me."

25 At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; **26** yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. **27** All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. **28** Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. **29** Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. **30** For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Other Passages: Phil 2:12-16, Isa. 35:5, Ecclesiastes 12:9-12, 2 Corinthians 3:16-18

Connect:

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

Care:

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

Challenge:

Dive into God's Word. Use these discussion questions. Learn from each other's insight.

1. What do you do in your own moments of doubt? Do you go directly to Jesus like John did, or do you pretend it doesn't exist? Do you seek comfort in other things? Something else?
2. Read Phil 2:12-16 as a group. Spend some time reflecting personally on your own salvation process. What are things God has said in seasons of doubt that have helped you that could bring faith to others in the group, and your community?
3. What aspect of the Bible and theology might God want to deepen in you as you enter this fall so your faith is strengthened?
4. What will you do with the invitation of Jesus in vs 28-30?
5. What might we need to adapt (or cease doing) to walk at the *pace of Jesus*.

Clarify:

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

Celebrate:

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

KEY TAKEAWAYS