

BIG IDEA

God is waiting to see if we are willing to totally follow.

WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO KNOW?

Share about a time when people or circumstances were waiting on you to do your part. How did that make you feel?

Making people wait may make some people feel bad, but it also may make others feel important. Explore both directions.

Read Luke 18:18-25. What did Jesus want from the ruler who approached him?

Jesus was not as interested in having the ruler give up his money as he was in asking him to give up everything and follow him totally.

What can we learn about Jesus from his interaction with the rich young ruler?

WHAT IS MY INITIAL REACTION?

Can you identify with the ruler? How so?

Why is surrender so difficult?

This may be more difficult in western culture. We are taught from an early age to never give up and that each person should be self-sufficient.

Is there something that you cannot surrender to God? Why not?

Many of us make God wait. What might you be missing out on if you do?

Read Romans 8:28. If we believe that God is good and works for our good, why do we hesitate to follow totally?

Many times we don't want to trust God because we are not sure that what he wants for our lives is what we want for ourselves.

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

Read Proverbs 3:5-6. How does your understanding keep you from being able to submit to God?





LIFE GROUPS

LEADER GUIDE

The writer implores us not to lean on our own understanding. What about our understanding gets in the way of totally following Jesus?

In what ways do you resist *totally* following Jesus?

How can you encourage those in your life to not keep God waiting?

This may be a good place to talk about the tough conversations that come up in relationships. Sometimes a friend is the only one who can point out how we are making God wait. Give some examples to starting a tough conversation.

Is there something that you lack when it comes to following Jesus? What are you waiting for?

God has a story for each of our lives. By making him wait, we miss out on the full life that he has for us. This is a tough discussion for some. Lean into this time to connect your group to what it is to be a disciple.

