

Go All-in Small Group Guide

Warm-up Question: (Choose one, make up your own, or skip this part all together, depending upon the nature of your group.)

1. Do you consider yourself a risk-taker? Explain.
2. Would you prefer to celebrate your birthday with a big party or just a couple of close friends or family members?

Read the following passage: Luke 11:14-23.

In this passage, Jesus, as he did throughout his public ministry, was demonstrating the presence of God's kingdom by healing and driving out demonic spirits. When a mute man was delivered, the crowd was amazed. We might think that the natural response would be to embrace Jesus and his message. But not everyone responded that way. Some people hesitated. One group entertained the possibility that Jesus was in league with Satan himself. Another wanted a sign from heaven. We, too, for various reasons, often hesitate going "all-in" with Jesus.

Questions for Discussion (Choose several that are relevant for your group):

1. Generally speaking, do you find it easy or difficult to make commitments? Explain. When you do hesitate, what are some of the typical reasons for your hesitation?
2. Read again Luke 11:23. Why is it impossible to maintain a neutral stance toward Jesus? How do we determine if a person is (or we, ourselves, are) "with [Jesus] or against [Jesus]?"
3. What might it look like to be all-in with Jesus in the following areas of our lives?
 - Our overall life mission
 - Our work- or student-life
 - Our use of money
 - Our use of time
 - Our romantic relationships and sex
 - Our family
 - Our rest and entertainment
4. What are some reasons a person might resist going all-in with Jesus? Have any of the following been reasons you have, at one time or another, hesitated to fully embrace God's will?
 - Unwillingness to embrace the perceived sacrifice involved in following God's will
 - Doubt
 - Concern about the opinions of others

- An incongruity between your own self-identity and your perception of a “Jesus-follower” or “religious person”
 - A desire to be the “god” of your own life
5. What are the benefits of going all-in with Jesus?
 6. Do you want to be all-in with Jesus? If so, is there anything in your life that you think needs to change?

Pray