

# Luke's Gospel: The Great Reversal Deeply Rooted

Life Group Guide | Sunday, February 27, 2022

## Review the Group Guidelines.

What is your experience with Lent? Have you practiced it before?

## Read Luke 9:22-26.

What stands out to you from this passage? What "Great Reversal" themes do you notice? What questions or emotions come up for you?

As a group, discuss your collective understanding of what it means to deny yourself, to take up your cross daily, and to follow Jesus?

What images of God or feelings about God come up for you as you engage with this invitation from Jesus?

## Read Ephesians 3:16-19.

Lent begins on March 2 (Ash Wednesday). The choice to give something up for Lent **forces our roots to go deep**. When we let go of something for a season, we will feel the lack. Without the go-to comforts, without the quick self-soothing, without our numbing behavior of choice, without our false securities—we find ourselves in the real work of deepening our roots, of **returning to and strengthening in our most basic identity as Beloved of God, as part of the family of God**.

Will you participate in Lent this season? What do you think that participation will look like for you?

What is something you want to continue to pray over, change, or begin to practice this week as a result of this teaching?

## Pray together.