



SMALL GROUP

DISCUSSION

This week:

Choose to Lose

Check-in Question:

If you had to choose between always winning at board games or always getting the best parking spot, which one would you pick and why?

Big Idea

The temptation to chase success, power, and recognition is something we all face, but Jesus introduced a radically different way of living—the way of the cross. Instead of grasping for control or validation, He modeled a kingdom where choosing to lose is actually the pathway to real victory. When we embrace His way, we don't become less ambitious, but we redefine ambition itself. Following Jesus doesn't make us weaker; it empowers us with a different kind of strength—the kind that doesn't rely on worldly status but on God's upside-down wisdom.

Discussion Questions:

1. Can you think of a time when achieving success didn't bring the satisfaction you expected? How did that shape your perspective on winning and losing?
2. What is one area of your life where you feel constant pressure to compete? How does that pressure align (or not align) with the way Jesus responded to temptation?
3. In what ways do you see the “win-lose” mentality influencing our culture today? How does that compare to the way Jesus modeled leadership and success?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 1:18 How does this verse challenge the way we think about success and power?
5. Jesus was tempted with the opportunity to rule in a way that looked successful by the world's standards. What would it look like for you to choose to lose in a way that actually leads to something greater?

How Can The Group Pray For You This Week?