



## Connect Group Discussion Guide

1. We follow people because of the different things we like about them. But, what happens when they no longer fit the mold of our expectation? Share a few thoughts.
2. What are some reasons people reject Jesus (or the idea of Jesus) today?
3. In the Luke 4 story, Jesus challenged those whom He lived around and grew up around. They heard His words, but rejected them. Why do you think that is?
4. Jesus “hung out” with “unsavory” characters in His day. He did this because His “mission statement” was to proclaim good news to the poor, freedom for the prisoners, recovery of sight of the blind, and set the oppressed free. So many of us fall into these categories even if we are “acceptable” based on our outward appearance. Jesus looks at the heart. In what ways can a person be blind, poor, or oppressed? How do you think Jesus can change this?
5. In the US, something most people constantly have food available to them. We have so much food that we have the ability to reject certain foods because they aren't healthy. We call it dieting. The Nazarenes had so much Jesus that they felt comfortable rejecting Him when He didn't do what they expected. Have you know someone to be rejected by others because that person decided to make changes in their lives and others didn't like it? What did that rejection look like?
6. As Christians, we do not base our faith on expectations; we follow who Jesus really is. Who do you say Jesus is?

NOTE: CGL, listen actively and carefully to what is being said during the times when participants share. Let their responses guide how you tailor your interactions and studies with the group during the session. Allow Him to use you as you participate in His activity in the lives of those in your CG.

## Series: *Rejected* “The Real Jesus”

Week of April 24, 2022

### Main Idea

***As Christians, we do not base our faith on expectations; we follow who Jesus really is.***

### Key Scripture Reference(s)

***Read aloud:  
Luke 4;14-30  
Job 13:15***

### Your Faith in Action

What steps will you take this week to **show** others what you believe (in words, and in deeds)?

**Mon:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tue:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Wed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Thu:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fri:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sat:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sun:** \_\_\_\_\_

*This is a constant element, so you can practically live out your faith everyday.*