



Discipleship Study Questions /Week 6/



Life Everlasting

In the series, we look at the idea of eternal life- how we receive it, and how we live it in, beginning here and now. This series also helps us in the Lenten season as we prepare our hearts for the celebration of the resurrection!

Read the Scripture:

Individual: Read the passage from two or three different translations.

Group: Have two different group members read the passage using different Bible translations.

Speak the Scripture:

Individual: Recite the story aloud from memory (as best you can) or tell it to a friend or family member. The goal here is to get the essence of the passage in your heart.

Group: Have someone volunteer to recite the passage aloud in their own words, as best they can.

Understand the Scripture:

Individual or Group: Use the Discovery Questions to help ensure you understand the passage.

Dig Deeper into the Scripture:

Individual: Work through the Digging Deeper questions and pray about what God reveals to you through His word. Discuss with a Christian friend or family member if you choose.

Group: Work through the Digging Deeper questions as a group, celebrating the work God is already doing in each person's life, and encouraging each other to trust Him in the places that need growth.



Small Group Guidelines

This is a Safe Group

Confidentiality is key—what is said in the group stays in the group. Be aware how you are affecting the environment with your words, actions, and non-verbal communication. This needs to be a place where people feel comfortable opening up and sharing.

No Crosstalk

Be considerate of others as they are sharing. No side conversations, phone time, texting etc.

Listen

Let's value one another by listening to what is being shared. Allow a pause after someone shares to allow them to finish and others to consider what was said. Eye contact and body posture play key roles in creating a positive or negative group environment.

No Rescuing or Fixing

We are not here to fix each other; Jesus does that part. Avoid the tendency to rescue when someone is struggling to get the words out or shares a struggle or conviction.

Use "I" Statements

It's easy to talk about the issues of others, or respond with "we," "us," or "the church," but for us to grow as disciples and build relationships, we want to use "I" statements.

Don't Over-Talk

We want to create time for all members of the group to participate in the discussion. Be careful not to always be the first responder or regularly give long responses.

Fight for Relationship

It's not if conflict or hurt feelings will happen, but when. We commit to fight for relationship with each other. Go to the person and share your struggle or seek wise advice if you are not sure how to handle the conflict.



Discipleship Questions

Background: In this passage, we take one more look at how living in the eternal life of Jesus means that we don't just love God, but we learn to love others as well. We also see

Read: 1 John 5:1-13

Discovery Questions:

What do we learn about God and His character in this passage?

What do we learn about what it means to be a follower of Christ in this passage?

What do you think the Holy Spirit might be teaching you personally through this passage?

Is there anything God is leading you to do in light of this passage?

Digging Deeper:

What do you think this passage means by following God's commands? If the Old Testament law has already been fulfilled by Christ, what commands could this be referring to?

Why does the testimony of blood, Spirit and water matter? Can you think of moments in the life of Jesus where He showed testimony of blood, Spirit and water?

What has this letter taught you about how to live the eternal life of Jesus here and now?

Prayer: Father, You are offer us eternal life through the death and resurrection of Your Son. Your love and Your Spirit give us assurance of eternal life. As we think of death, may we be encouraged and filled with hope because of Your promises, and Your defeat of the grave. All our hope is in you. May we be filled with you life, and share that life with all that we meet. In the eternal name of Jesus we pray, amen.

