

LifeGroup Study SheetSeptember 18th, 2022 – The Journey

This guide is designed to give helpful hints in preparing your group discussion.

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything that particularly challenged you from this sermon? Anything you didn't understand, agree with or connect with?

Introduction

Describe a time in your life when you went on a journey/trip that went wrong. Or maybe a trip that went completely different than you had planned. Looking back on that trip, how many of the variables were in your control? How many variables were out of your control?

Digging In

Question 1: Read 1 John 5:13. John wants to make it clear that the starting point on the Journey of faith is “knowing that you have eternal life.” Throughout the book of 1 John, he gives us 5 different tests to help us evaluate our own hearts and faith in Christ. Take some time to evaluate your heart through each one of these tests. Which one brings the most conviction to you?

5 Tests:

1. Walk test – 1:5-7.
2. Sin Test – 1:8-10
3. Obedience Test – 2:3-5
4. Love Test – 2:9-17
5. Truth Test – 5:1-12

The goal of these are not to show “perfection” in each of them – but to show a pattern of life change. 1 John 1:8 confirms we will still wrestle with sin, but the change is do we confess sin when it happens.

Question 2: Read John 10:10, John 14:6, Galatians 2:20-21. Pastor Jeff asked the question - If Jesus promises us a new life in Him, what does that life look like? What does an abundant life look like?

Read John 6:35 to help you answer these questions.

How does “this life” that Jesus talks about make us “hunger and thirst” no more? Is that even possible?

Question 3: Read Matthew 7:16-23 and James 2:14. Jeff asked the question – is it possible to “claim” to live like Jesus, but we are fooling ourselves? Why do you think the Bible makes a distinction between knowing about Jesus and living like Jesus? How have you seen this in your life before?

Question 4: Read 1 John 2:6. Jeff asked the question – How can we know we live in Him? What does it look like to “walk in the same manner that Jesus walked?” How is that possible and what does it look like?

Read **John 15:1-6** to help guide your answers to these questions.

Taking it Home

Reflect on these questions as you apply God’s truth to your life:

How did Jesus Journey on this earth?

- a. A divine person – he knew who He was following (John 14:21)
- b. A determined path – he knew where he was going (John 13:3)
- c. A dedicated purpose (Acts 2:23)

Praise / Prayer Requests

Pray for your group with these things in mind:

Adoration – How can I praise God for what this teaches me?

Confession – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?

Supplication – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?