

Life Group Discussion Guide

A life group is a formational community that gathers regularly to care, learn, and pray together. These questions may form the basis of your conversation and are designed to help participants listen and respond to God through personal and scriptural reflection, as well as stirring an imagination for how to practice the way of Jesus.

Groups are encouraged before beginning to have a moment of prayerful stillness, collecting your scattered attention to God, and then if helpful to connect with one another through a conversation starter question.

Questions

1. What is the most spectacular light you have ever seen? What made it so powerful?
2. Read John 8:12. What is Jesus' claim here? In what way is He hearkening back to the Old Testament?
3. Read John 8:13-19. Why do the Pharisees challenge Jesus about His claim? How does Jesus respond?
4. How might people today challenge this claim?
5. Read John 8:21-23 & 33. What human problem is Jesus addressing when He claims to be the light? How is it similar to the problem the Israelites faced in Egypt? How is it different?
6. When, if ever, did you realize this problem (bondage to sin & death) in your own life? Was it a specific moment or a process over time?
7. Read John 8:12; 31-32. What solution does Jesus offer to this problem? In your own words, what does this practically look like?
8. How would you define freedom? How does the world define it? How might Jesus define it?
9. What is the ultimate promise Jesus makes as the light of the world to those who follow Him?
10. As a group: spend time praying for loved ones or acquaintances who are not yet walking in the light. Ask for Jesus to reveal Himself to them and that they might respond to His invitation.