

LG DISCUSSION LIFEGROUPS GUIDE

Use these questions in your Life Group gatherings or for further discussion as a family.

WHO IS CLOSEST TO YOU? | SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

SERMON RECAP

Proximity can cause us to box people in. But the gospel makes people new and helps us move towards the mess.

THE LEAD IN

- Have you ever felt like people only saw an old version of you, who you used to be and not who you'd become? What was that like?

GETTING INTO THE TEXT

- Read John 7:1-5. Jesus' brothers didn't believe in Him. What does this passage reveal about their motives in their conversation with Jesus?
- Trace the arc of James' growth in belief in Christ. You already read John 7:1-5. Next read 1 Corinthians 15:7, Acts 1:14, Galatians 1:19, and Galatians 2:9. What do you see in his transformation? What might have contributed to it?

GOING DEEPER

- The gospel is all about movement—movement towards the mess. Who have you kept in the box of who they used to be? What would it look like to see them through the lens of gospel growth?
- What is holding you back from identifying, proclaiming, and growing in closeness with Christ?

PRAYER

- Ask God for the eyes to see those in your Oikos and beyond as He sees them, people with room to grow and change.