



Life Groups Discussion Guide

As the discussion leader, there are a few things to keep in mind for your Life Group:

- Pray for your group discussion time!
- Review your notes from the sermon and familiarize yourself with the discussion questions prior to the meeting.
- Choose a few questions from the guide which you feel will generate the most discussion in your group.

Text: Selected Scriptures

Getting to Know Me:

- Go around your group sharing memories of your mother or other people who have had a personal influence on your life.
- What is the best or worst Mother's Day gift you've ever heard being given?
- What was the most significant thing you learned from the message today?

Discussion Questions:

1. If you had to define in one word the spiritual legacy you want to leave your children, what would it be? Explain.
2. Read Ephesians 6:1-3. In this passage Paul echoes Moses, encouraging us to honor our father and mother. What are ways a child can bring honor to his or her parents? How does our obedience to this command change as we and our parents age?
3. Read Proverbs 4:11-13. Here, Solomon wrote about a father leading his son in the ways of wisdom. In your life, what would it look like for you to equip the next generation with the wisdom of the Lord? Based on your most recent interactions, what are some things those you are leading will say they learned from you?
4. Read 2 Timothy 1:3-7. In this passage Paul wrote about Timothy's spiritual heritage, noting that the faith of his grandmother, and then his mother, are now in him. What is your spiritual heritage? What are some of the positive things about your upbringing that you'd like to pass on to your kids? What are some things you'd like to change?
5. In 1 Corinthians 11:1 Paul wrote, "Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ" (NIV). How do our actions affect those closest to us? Give examples of how you have seen this both positively and negatively acted out in your friends and family. For those instances where you have witnessed a negative impact, how can you personally show the love of Christ to those affected?
6. Read Proverbs 18:21. How can the words we speak about Christ and the church affect our outlook, as well as our children's outlook, on life and spiritual matters? What is one thing you can do to be more positive in the way you speak to yourself and those you influence?
7. Read 2 Timothy 3:14-15. In this letter, Paul wrote to encourage Timothy to "continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom (*this word is plural in the Greek*) you learned it" (ESV). This passage indicates that many people poured into Timothy's life. Who are some people, outside of your immediate family, that helped you when you started following Jesus? Currently, who in your life helps to guide and encourage you in your faith? Since it's important that believers, especially new believers, are surrounded by older and stronger Christians, how can we intentionally create opportunities to pour into those that are following us in the faith?