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## MESSAGE APPLICATION Guide

*Please feel free to pick and choose questions that relate best to you and your Life Group.*

### Growing Stronger...in Belief Week 2

**Ice-Breaker** – Have you ever been in a building that had foundation problems? Why is it so important for the foundation to be level, stable, and square?

Have you noticed how many people would say they love God - they love Jesus - they even love the church - but they are divided on so many other topics? How can this happen?

What was the key take-away for you this past Sunday (how did God speak to you)?

Across the centuries people have often tried to make their convictions and their preferences essentials of the faith. Have you ever been guilty of this? What happened? How can this temptation be avoided?

Name an essential of the faith. What makes this an essential? How many essentials can you think of?

Discuss the difference between matters of personal preference and personal conviction. How do these compare to the essentials?

How would you describe the foundation of your belief system? Why is this so important?

#### **READ: 1 Corinthians 15:1-5**

What are the four essentials that Paul talks about in this passage?

What about Christ is “of first importance”?

Have you subtly said or implied that it is Jesus plus this conviction or that preference and then you can experience God? What is the problem with this type of thinking?

How comfortable are you with this statement; “Faith is found in Jesus plus nothing”?