



These questions are provided for your further study and application of the message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others.

## **LifeGroup Discussion**

Date: February 3, 2019

1. Read Philippians 3:7-11. Knowing God is not just having a familiarity with God but knowing him in the same way we know the people closest to us. What is the difference between familiarity with God and knowing God? How does knowing God deepen our relationship with each other and increase spiritual intimacy?
2. Paul said that he was saved “to know him and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings” (Phil 3:10). What two things should we expect to accompany knowing God?
3. Read Luke 2:52 and Ephesians 4:15. Jesus had to grow and so we must also. Growth produces fruit. What part of growing our faith is our responsibility? What does faith growth do for you?
4. Read Acts 11:26. In Antioch, those who believed in Jesus resembled him so much they began to be called Christians, meaning “little Christs.” What does it take to look like Jesus? How does looking like Jesus affect others?
5. Read Matthew 16:24. To truly follow Jesus, we are instructed to deny ourselves and take up our cross. What does it mean to deny ourselves? What does it mean to take up our cross? How have you done these things in your lives?
6. Read Romans 8:18, 28. God never promised that it would be easy to be a Christian, but he did promise it would be worth it. What is the purpose of suffering? What is the difference between an experience that is painful and an experience that is true suffering?
7. Family verse: Read and memorize Romans 12:1. Talk about what it means to give everything to Christ.