



IMMANUEL CHURCH

Conversation Starter: A Wonderful Life
October 22, 2017

Opening Questions:

- What are the top three things you love about the Christian life?
- What are some things that make living the Christian life difficult?

Looking at Scripture:

- Read **John 17:1-5 and 1 John 5:11-13...** According to these passages how would you define eternal life? Who has it? Who doesn't have it? Why do you think the Apostle John wants believers to know that they have eternal life? What benefits do believers have in the here and now by knowing that their eternity with Jesus is secure?
- Read **John 16:7,13-15; 1 Corinthians 2: 10b-16; 1 Corinthians 10:13; and Galatians 5:16-18...** What is the role of the Holy Spirit in relationship to the Father and Son? What does the Holy Spirit give to all followers of Jesus? How can you tell if you are trying to accomplish something in your own power verses accomplishing it through the Holy Spirit's power in you? What practices have helped you "walk in step" with the Spirit?
- Read **Ephesians 4:11-16; 2 Corinthians 1: 3-7; Colossians 3:13; and Philippians 2:1-4...** What are some of the reasons God has given all believers a life-giving community of other followers of Jesus to do life with? How have you felt most supported by the body of Christ in the past? What strengths are you contributing to the building up of the body of Christ? What is something that God has taught you through participating in Christian community that he hasn't taught you elsewhere?
- Read **Colossians 3:23-24...** How often do you view your work as an act of worship unto the Lord? What would change in your perspective about your work or workplace if you viewed it as a place of worship and a chance to glorify God through your work?
- Read **Colossians 1:15-17...** How does knowing that Jesus is in authority over all creation, nations, and circumstances impact the way you view the turmoil in our world and in your own life today? Where is it hard to trust God right now?
- Read **Hebrews 4:15-16...** What does this passage teach you about God's desires for his children? Why do you think God wants you to have confidence rather than shame when approaching his "throne of grace?"

Application Questions:

- The bottom line from this week was **THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS A WONDERFUL LIFE.** In what ways do you want to more fully live into this wonderful life Jesus has made possible for all believers? In what ways will you be tempted to not embrace this kind of life this week? How can this group pray for you this week?

End your time together asking Jesus to help you embrace the wonderful life that he has made possible. Ask him to help you rely upon the Holy Spirit rather than your own efforts as you seek to overcome temptation and live your life for Him. Thank him for knowing and meeting all your deepest needs.