



# IMMANUEL CHURCH

**Conversation Starter:** Come to Life  
**September 3, 2017**

**Opening Questions:**

- What's something you do that brings you to life? What is it that allows you to feel like you're in the flow; like you have energized focus, the time flies, and you experience true joy? Besides "fun," what are the reasons you suppose this happens when you're doing that thing?
- If you could ask God to give you one thing—other than additional possessions or riches—what would it be? What parts of the above activity do you wish were present in all other parts of your life? Do you think God wants those things for us? Why or why not?

**Looking at Scripture:**

- Read ***Ephesians 2:1-10***...What does it mean to you hearing that God has good things for you to do that he planned way back at the beginning? Have you ever really thought of yourself as his masterpiece? His best work? What wells up inside you that wants to resist that truth?
- If we're supposed to exhibit the image of God in our lives, what does that look like? According to ***1 Corinthians 13:4-7*** and ***Ephesians 5:22-23***, what do we know about God, and therefore, what he wants our lives to look like?
- Is there any part of the Jesus-life that God calls us to, as described in the above passages, that you *don't* want? Would those things give you more or less life in life? Paul teaches that we were given new life when Jesus came back to life. Why do you suppose the new life seems so unappetizing to people who are far from God, given the above description?
- As Christians, we believe God created us from nothing. He must, therefore, know the best way for us to exist, right? Is it more complicated than the above passages seem to indicate? Is it more complicated than ***Micah 6:8***? If not, why do we make it that way?

**Application Questions:**

- This week's bottom line was **WHEN WE LIVE THE LIFE WE COME TO LIFE**. What does that statement mean to you? Do you really think it's possible for us to live in the "flow" of our intended purpose and daily experience the Fruit of the Spirit? How do you plan to do that this week?
- Why would we need to "go to work" on this? Can't we just sit back and wait? What part of any created object's existence is its own responsibility? What part of this is on us?

*End your time together asking God to bring each member of your group to a renewed sense of purpose and life this week. Ask him to provide clear opportunities for them to live into the life they were made for. Ask that he'd fill them with the Fruit of the Spirit and the love of God.*