



## Life Group Discussion Questions

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\*\*\* This guide intentionally has more questions than your group could reasonably discuss in one meeting. Feel free to pick and choose questions that best encourage, challenge, and instruct your particular participants.

Read 1 Peter 2:1-10

1. How do you define a healthy church? An unhealthy church? What traits of a church do you prioritize the most?
2. Stanley said "Church health is what we do with our everyday lives." How does that fall in line with the transforming power of God and being born again as a new creation? How many days a week are you the church, the body of Christ? What can you do this week to improve your "church's health"?
3. What are ways our church prioritizes the Word of God? What are ways your family prioritizes the Word of God? What are ways you prioritize the Word of God? Were all three answers the same?
4. Stanley said the Bible is God's primary means to grow us. Since we want to grow, how can we better prioritize the Bible in our daily rhythms?

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5. Do we have margins in our lives that allow for spiritual growth in our families? Are you rationalizing your busyness by comparing with other people? If you had to explain your priorities each day before the throne of God, would you be confident in your choices?
6. Read Ephesians 4:11-12. Have you ever been in a church where the pastor was expected to do all the work of the ministry by himself? What was the dynamic of that church like? How can we do the work of the ministry as lay people? Are you, the saints, being equipped for the work of ministry? Are you actually doing the work of ministry, or do you still feel ill-equipped? How do you resolve that problem?
7. We live in a consumer culture, where we are bombarded by ads telling us we deserve something, or that we need something else to be happy. Are you a consumer at church? How should the ratio of consumption to service change as you progress as a Christian - Is it linear? Is that a false dichotomy? Do you think serving at church means you have to have it all figured out and have the whole Bible memorized?
8. What are the consequences when a church grounds itself in things that are not the Gospel? What are some good things a church can ground itself upon (that are not the Gospel)?
9. Jesus is offensive to our culture. Why? Why is that a good thing? What are the dangers of trying to be culturally relevant?

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10. Read 1 Peter 2:9-10. How does embracing our identity in Christ impact how we live?

Stanley said "The most true thing about you is what Jesus says about you." What are some ways you are not fully embracing your identity.

11. How are you currently making disciples? Are your disciples making disciples?