



Life Group Discussion Questions

December 29, 2024

*** 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 from *The Valley of Vision*:

“O Lord, Length of days does not profit me except the days are passed in Thy presence, in Thy service, to Thy glory. Give me a grace that precedes, follows, guides, sustains, sanctifies, and aids every hour, that I may not be one moment apart from Thee, but may rely on Thy Spirit to supply every thought, speak in every word, direct every step, prosper every work, build up every bit of faith, and give me a desire to show forth Thy praise.”

1. It is a great time to remember all the things God has done in your life the past year. What are some key events where you specifically saw God at work in your life from the past year?
2. God gave specific times and activities for His appointed feasts to the people of Israel in Leviticus 23. Why do you think God gave them a prescription for an event that would remind them of who God was and what He had done for His people? Do you often remember the good things in life, or do you focus on the bad things? Aside from Thanksgiving, Christmas, and one or two other holidays each year, do you take time to stop, rest, and remember the past and the blessings from God?

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3. People like to make New Year's Resolutions – these normally involve diet, exercise, new habits and doing away with old habits; but Repentance is about confessing (agreeing with God's assessment of our sin) and turning away from our sin. Paul, in Ephesians 4 gives us examples of turning from a specific sin and replacing it with a righteous action instead (i.e., "let him who steals, steal no longer, but let him work with his hands" (Eph. 4:28). Do you have someone in your life who holds you accountable? Someone that you can share your doubts, fears and sins with that can pray for you and help? Why is accountability so important in the Christian life?

4. Read Psalm 51 as a group. How serious should we be about our Sin? How does it create distance between us and God? What does David mean by "restore to me the joy of Thy salvation and renew a right spirit within me"? What is the difference between offering a sacrifice and having a "broken and contrite heart"?

5. Martin Luther said, "I have two days on my calendar; Today and THAT day". We just celebrated the birth of Christ which should point us to the reason for His first coming in the flesh – our redemption and salvation. It should also point us to the ultimate glory of His second coming. What is the significance of His second coming? Do you ever stop and really think about that? How does that give us a hope? Read First Peter 1:3-9. What does this tell us about our future as well as the reality of it in our present life?

6. One of the best ways to daily renew ourselves is by spending time in the Word – reading, memorizing, meditating, studying and applying. What is your Bible reading plan for the year? Did you know if you spent an hour each day reading the Word you can read through the whole Bible in 90 days? Is anyone up to that challenge? Do you memorize scripture? If so, can you share with others in the group why that is so powerful and share the method you use to memorize scripture?

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7. What things in your life do you anticipate? Death? Taxes? Children making a mess? Do you anticipate the return of Christ? More than a couple times a year? Everything else pales in comparison with that, so why do we not dwell on it more?

8. What do you savor in life? Do you eat amazing food as fast as you can? Do you leave an incredible vacation spot moments after you arrive? Do you get up and leave after you've just settled into a tender moment with a loved one? If we savor these small moments in the flesh, how much more should we savor the relationship we have with Christ?

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