



## 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 Psalm 139:13-16.

1. Do you feel cherished by people? Why or why not? Do you feel cherished by God? Why or why not? Whose perspective matters most, yours, other people's, or God's? Why?
2. We are to love others. Jesus said in John 13:34; "a new command I give to you that you love one another even as I have loved you..." In what ways did Jesus show love to the sick, the outcasts, the scorned and the wayward? What do we learn from Him about loving others with God's love?
3. How does culture define worth? How does God define worth? Are those viewpoints compatible?
4. God has instilled worth in us. It is a worth not of our own doing but the Creator chose to give us value. The world says we should have self-esteem. What is the difference between esteeming ourselves and the worth God has assigned to us? What should our correct response be to His view of us?

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5. Do you struggle with self worth? Is it because of preconceived notions or beliefs that are cultural or biblical? How do you build up others who struggle with knowing their worth?

6. Read Philippians 2:3-8. What does this scripture show us that keeps us from having an overly high view of self in reference to others? What was Christ's example, being the 2nd person of the Trinity and taking on the form of a servant, teach us?

7. Are you applying filters to your life that affect you in a negative way? Is the Bible your filter for culture, or is culture your filter for the Bible?

8. In what ways have we been conditioned by culture, family tradition, our religious background and upbringing, and science to think about others who are different, disabled, elderly, unborn, disenfranchised etcetera. How does knowing God's Word and that He is the creator of all things help us form right attitudes? Look at Matthew 25:34-45. How does this change the way we look at others who we may typically try to ignore? In what tangible ways can we apply this to our lives in reference to the unborn, the prisoner, the homeless, the alien, the disable and the elderly knowing that our service and love to them is like doing it for the Lord Himself.

9. Read James 2:14-18. Knowing that God has given us intrinsic value and knowing that He loved us enough to die for us should lead us to action (see II Cor. 5:14-15). Can you share a time when you showed your faith by your works (not just your words) and it had an impact on someone, or maybe someone showed you their faith by their works and impacted you. James further writes "prove yourselves to be doers of the word and not merely hearers who delude (yourselves)" (1:22). Is there a story in the Bible that stands out about loving others sacrificially?

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