



Connect: LIFEgroup discussion guide

a Christian community of fresh hope

LIFEgroup leaders – feel free to email Mike McG with any ideas, info, conviction or suggestions that arise from your discussions...

"Jesus brings LIFE" Sunday 15th Nov 2020

WELCOME: This week the main points included recognising that we can be identified as followers of Jesus because who Jesus is impacts who we become, what Jesus does shapes what we do, following Jesus results in fruitfulness and faithfulness. Is this something you agree or disagree with and why?

DISCUSSING THE MESSAGE:

Jesus brings LIFE.

"the Lord - who is the Spirit
- makes us more and more
like him as we are changed
into his glorious image..."

2 Cor 3:18

- What are your initial thoughts about this verse?
- What does it mean to Christians today?
- Who have you met who embodies this principle?
- If it's not happening in the lives of Christians today what do you think we need to do about that?

Christians bring LIFE

God's heart is for Christians
to walk and talk the values
& principles of the Kingdom
of God into the earth...

- What are your initial thoughts about this statement?
- What does it mean for Christians today to "walk and talk the values of God's Kingdom?"
- Who have you met who embodies this principle?
- If it's not happening in the lives of Christians today what do you think we need to do about that?

READ: Matt 14:13-16; Mark 6: 34-37; Luke 9:11-14

Jesus closest followers come to him, looking for a solution to a problem...

- What are your initial thoughts from the passage?
- Why do you think Jesus did not simply meet their request initially?
- Have you ever had the sense of God calling you to provide answers to problems you have brought in prayer? What did you do?

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"I am the light of the world"

John 8:12

**Jesus promises light in face
of darkness (woman in adultery)**

- In their original form the Scriptures do not have Chapters and Verses - Read John 8:3-5 & 10-12
- What does this passage reveal about who Jesus is?
- What does it suggest for people who are Christians today?
- Read Matt 5: 14-16 – what is Jesus saying to us here?

John reports that Jesus says:

- 1. *I Am the Bread of Life*: Jesus alone can sustain us, who are but starving beggars looking for food (John 6).**
- 2. *I Am the Light of the World*: Jesus is the original and eternal source of light in the universe for us who are spiritually blind by birth (John 8).**
- 3. *I Am the Gate of the Sheepfold*: Jesus is the only door to life for us who are lost outside God's will (John 10).**
- 4. *I Am the Good Shepherd*: Jesus knows and cares for us who are orphaned, wandering sheep without a shepherd (John 10).**
- 5. *I Am the Resurrection and the Life*: Jesus is the key to escaping spiritual death for us who are hopelessly doomed to death because of our sin (John 11).**
- 6. *I Am the Way, Truth, and Life*: Jesus is the accessible path, the illuminating truth, and the giver of life for us who are lost, ignorant, and dead without Him (John 14).**
- 7. *I Am the True Vine*: Jesus is the source of eternal life for us who are dead and useless branches apart from him (John 15)**

- **Which claim of Jesus resonates most with you? Why?**
- **If we, as believers and followers of Jesus, are supposed to be growing to become more like Him, which claim presents the biggest challenge for you today?**
- **How can we help one another, on this journey to be changed, to become more like the people God created us to be?**

Pray together:

Prayer is the fundamental way that we communicate with God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – so it is a vital skill for us to embrace on our journey to grow as Christians. Pray for one another, pray into areas of challenge that these might grow to become our strengths. Pray for fresh opportunities to be Jesus to people you encounter and to point them to God.