



Discussion Questions

Anointing: Never Suffer Alone

Instructions: A life group is a spiritual family. It is a time of mutual discussion, invitation, and growth together alongside the Holy Spirit. It's good to begin with prayer and 1-2 ice breaker questions to prime the pump and get to know one another. Then, after reading the Scriptures, **pick the questions that are of most interest to your group**. Make sure to conclude with a couple of application questions to live out our mission together. Finish with some time to care for one another and pray together.

Ice Breaker Question (pick 1-2 questions)

1. During long seasons of doubt or suffering, what kinds of things have others done that were not quite what you needed? What things were done that really ministered to you?
2. Why do you think people are so quick to try to “fix” the unfixable things that cause suffering rather than just walking with people through the long journey?
3. Is there a challenge you are facing right now?
4. What is one thought or idea from Sunday's message that especially intrigued, provoked, disturbed, challenged, encouraged, warmed, warned, helped, or surprised you?

Read and discuss James 5:13-16

1. Have someone summarize this passage in their own words.
2. What things jump out to you in this passage?
3. What kinds of things does this passage say about walking together through suffering and sickness?
4. Anointing with oil was a common first century practice when someone was sick. But James invites the community into this practice (vs.14). What meaning and benefit is added when the church-family participates in the healing process?
5. What does it look like in our lives to walk the long process of just “being with” someone who is struggling?
6. What do you learn about God in this passage?
7. What do you learn about people in this passage?

Application

1. How can you specifically live out this passage in the next few days? (Have each person create an 'I Will...' statement)
2. Is there someone you are inviting to Easter? Who?
3. How can you bless someone else as a result of this Scripture and discussion?
4. How can our group bless someone in response to this Scripture and discussion?
5. Read Revelation 21:3-4 that describes our future hope.

Close in prayer