

LG Leader Training Discussion Questions

4. Follow Me - Living Incarnationally (9/05/21)

Instructions: A life group is a spiritual family. It is a time of mutual discussion, invitation, and growth together with the Holy Spirit. During the discussion, our role as Life group leaders is to set the environment and help create a space for ourselves and our groups to hear from the Holy Spirit through engaging with God's word and listening to God and one another. As facilitators, rather than teachers, we primarily ask inviting or clarifying questions. We create space to hear from the Lord, hear from one another, and process what is in their hearts. 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**. Don't end without 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. What do you think Jesus was like for the first 30 years, before his ministry? What do you think others thought about him?
2. 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 John 1:14 and 8:1-11

1. Why do you think Jesus chose to get involved in the woman's story?
2. What is different from Jesus' posture towards the woman and the Pharisees' posture towards her? Why do you think Jesus and the Pharisees are so different from one another?
3. John 1:14 says Jesus became human and moved into the neighborhood.
 - a. How would Jesus say his purpose as a human being is most fully expressed?
 - b. How would the Pharisees say they best live out their purpose?
 - c. How would the woman describe the ultimate "fulfillment of her purpose"?
 - d. What about you? What does it mean to you to live out being "fully human"?
4. Why is it hard to advocate for people that struggle with obvious sin?
5. What are the risks for advocating for sinners? What are the benefits?

Application

1. Take a minute to pray silently. As a result of our discussion time, what is God saying to you? What area of life might He be inviting you to take a step?
2. As a result of today's discussion, what needs to change in your life? Ask for this change by prayer together. What can you actively do by faith to receive this change in your life?
3. As a result of today's discussion, what needs to change in your life group?
4. As a result of today's discussion, how can your life group be a blessing to those outside the church or your group?
5. Who have you been an advocate for? Explain.
6. Who in your life needs you to be an advocate for them now?
7. What is one way you can bless someone this week, no strings attached?

8. Where do you think God is most likely to show up in your daily “scattered” life? How can you be ready as an individual? How can you be ready as a life group together?

In your prayer time together

1. Read the Lord’s Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13).
2. Spend a few minutes praying together that God’s Kingdom come and his will be done in your group and in Avalon Church as it is in heaven.
3. What personal concerns are heavy on your heart?
4. What needs in the lives of others is God opening your eyes to?