
Small Group Questions

Life Group Bible Study

Daily Devotional Preparation

(Read through the provided texts and consider the small group questions)

Monday	Psalm 146
Tuesday	Isaiah 35:4-7
Wednesday	James 1:17-27
Thursday	Mark 7:31-37
Friday	Deuteronomy 10:18
Saturday	Psalm 103 and 104
Sunday	Psalm 137

Accountability *(ask one)*

Inviting people to Know Christ - Are you learning to be intentional about sharing Jesus with neighbors? Are you praying for a 3:1:M friend? How are they doing? Are you reaching your group and individual goals in this area?

Keeping connected to Christ - Are you building an interactive relationship with God? In your private prayer and devotional time, what are you learning or experiencing? How are you Knowing Christ in worship? Are you reaching your group and individual goals in this area?

Moving to serve with Christ - Are you showing up? How are you making community and teamwork important to your life? How's your commitment to small group and worship going? Are you your gifts to serve the Community surrounding us?

Open / Scripture

1. Apart from eating, drinking, and sleeping, what can you look back and say you've done "all your life"?

Observation

1. As you read this passage (Psalm 146) what verse, phrase, or picture jumps out at you, causes you to celebrate, raises questions, or clarifies something?
2. Is the psalmist being pious or is this really his daily experience (vv. 1-2)?
3. What is "trust in princes" (vv. 3-4)? Is it wrong to seek human help? Is the psalmist plagued by a low view of himself or is he blessed with realism and courage? How so?
4. At what two types of power does the psalmist marvel (vv 5-9)? Who does God seem to be most concerned about?

Apply

1. Ask the members of your group to comment on what they think makes you tick. What two or three goals are evident from how you spend your time and talents? What do they see in your life that glorifies God?
2. Does God step in where human help stops? Or is God's will performed strictly through human action? Who should the oppressed trust: Princes? Divine intervention? Human intervention inspired by God? Their own actions?
3. How does this psalm speak to you when you're feeling betrayed or on your own?

Prayer

Who can you bless with this information?

What do you need to discuss with your life group?

What can we pray with you about? (What does the Spirit need to heal? What does the Spirit need to embolden?)