

CLARITY

CLARIFYING QUESTIONS ABOUT FAITH



WEEK 7: If Life Is Good, Why Do I Need Jesus?

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

OPENING QUESTIONS

(Choose the one(s) that will best get your group talking on this topic)

- As you look at your life to date, in earthly terms, which season has been the easiest to say--"Life is going really good right now"? Why?
- How does your life right now compare to what you dreamed your life would be like at this stage?
- Which board game did you enjoy more growing up? The Game of Life or Monopoly? Why?

SERMON REFLECTIONS—Sermon from Sunday, October 29, 2017

(Audio and video available at purposechurch.com—Suggestion: bring copies of the sermon outline to look at when you discuss)

- What was most helpful to you?
- What challenged you?
- What encouraged you?

DIGGING INTO DISCUSSION

Read John 10:10

- How do Jesus' words speak to this question of why we need Jesus no matter our situation in life?
- How have you seen, or do you see, this verse playing out in each of the seasons/quarters of your life?
 - 1st Quarter--Teens and 20's
 - 2nd Quarter--30's and 40's
 - 3rd Quarter--50's and 60's
 - 4th Quarter--70's plus

Read Joshua 1:1-9

- What has just happened that is the setting of these verses?
- What does this mean for Joshua? What types of feelings do you think he had at this point?
- What promises are given to him?
- Which ones ask him to look back and remember what God has done in the past?
- Which ones ask him to look ahead and believe God for future blessing?
- What commands accompany these promises?
- What is necessary for success and prosperity?
- What do you think God means by “success and prosperity”?
- Which command given to Joshua would be the toughest for you to obey?
- Which of his promises would be most helpful to you? Looking back? Looking forward?
- What challenge lies before you now? What would “success” look like for you?
- What do you fear might hinder you?
- How can this group help you to follow God fully through this season?

Read Acts 13:36

David had all kinds of success, prosperity and a good life. But that is not what is mentioned as what he would be remembered for. Our perspective on the importance of “success”, “prosperity” and “a good life” compared to serving God’s purpose faithfully can change drastically during the course of our lives.

- How do you think our perspectives will change as we look back on the seasons of our lives?

LIVE IT OUT

Read Matthew 7:24-27

- What does the rock represent in this passage?
- What is Jesus promising those who are willing to live by his words?
- What kind of life “storms” have you seen resulting in spiritual casualties in your own life or the lives of others?
- If you took an honest look at how you live your daily life, what other foundations do you tend to “build your life on” besides Jesus?

Read Hebrews 6:19

- How firm is your foundation right now? In the past year would you say it has gotten weaker or stronger?
- What can you do to more firmly establish your house upon “the rock”?
- How can the group pray for you in regards to this now and in the days ahead

Closing:

- Decide if you want to do one more session and look back over all the seven studies to talk about how God has spoken to you and what difference it is making in your life. You could make it a celebration with a meal or time of communion.
- Or you can spend some time at the end of this session looking back.
- Be sure to talk about plans for your next study!