

Questions for eGroup Discussion

How Can I Find Life?

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How to Use This Guide in a Group Setting

Group Participants: Review your notes from the message and ask the Holy Spirit to continue to speak to you about your life. Come to eGroup prepared to participate. Watch the message online if you missed it live.

Group Leaders: Give everyone the chance to share, focusing on the questions that connect most with your group. Don't feel you must answer every question. If someone missed the message, allow time for others to fill them in on the main points and highlights.

Getting Started

What's something you've given up because the payback wasn't as great as the cost attached to it for you? Explain.

Embrace the Gospel

In our eGroup discussion guides, we're utilizing a simple structure for studying the Bible together, based on the acronym S.O.A.P. ...

Spirit: *Invite The Holy Spirit To Speak To You and To Guide Your Discussion*

Begin by praying and inviting the Spirit's activity into your discussion and application of God's Word.

Observation: *What Does This Passage Say?*

Read aloud Luke 18:18-34.

What stands out to you, intrigues you, or causes some push-back for you from these verses, or from Pastor Alan's message on these verses this weekend?

With what tone do you imagine Jesus speaking to the ruler? Likewise, how do you perceive the tone and demeanor of the ruler as he responds to Jesus?

How was Pastor Alan's explanation of Jesus' focus in this passage similar to or different than you've heard in the past?

Why is understanding the phrase "inherit eternal life" important to truly understanding the question the ruler is asking? (verse 18; John 17:3)

In light of this, how does Jesus' response in verses 19-20 answer His question?

What's at the heart of Jesus' challenge to the ruler in verse 22?

Why is this so important to Jesus and to the ruler in getting his question answered?

In his message, Pastor Alan said, "*Sacrifice is giving up something you love for something you love more.*"

Embrace the Gospel Continued

How does this definition of “sacrifice” resonate with you and why?

How does this help you understand God’s heart in Exodus 20:3?

What can we conclude from the ruler’s response and Jesus’ comments in verses 24-25?

From the follow-up dialog in verses 26-30, what do we learn about wholeheartedly pursuing Jesus? About what can interfere with this occurring?

Application: *What Is God Saying To Us/Me?*

What did you most need to hear or be reminded of this week in the message or your eGroup discussion?

Where are you most like the rich young ruler in Jesus’ story?

What idols in your life need to be dethroned to pursue Jesus more completely?

What next step is the Holy Spirit prompting you to take in that area? (You may need to spend a few minutes in quiet as a group and letting Jesus speak to each person about this)

Experience the Spirit

Prayer: *Ask For God's Help In Living Out His Word*

As you pray for one another this week, begin by praying for one another's relationship with Christ, including areas where idols need to be dethroned and/or sacrifices made to pursue Him more completely.

When you're done, spend time praying for general needs and concerns for one another.

Engage in Mission

It's our desire that every individual and eGroup at Christ Community make a difference by compassionately moving outward toward people who are lost, needy, and broken, demonstrating the love of Jesus in highly relational ways. From time-to-time there are opportunities for eGroups to join together in doing this. Here's such an opportunity:

One of our eGroups is interested in partnering with a couple of other eGroups in supporting a once-a-month breakfast for people in need in our community. This other CCC group has been preparing/supplying egg casseroles, muffins, fresh fruit, waffles, etc. for the breakfast for several years. If another eGroup or two would be interested in coming alongside them to assist in preparing egg casseroles, it would be a real blessing. These new groups wouldn't necessarily have to come and serve at the monthly breakfast, but that would certainly be welcome as well. The breakfast is served at Abundant Life Church, diagonally across from Sunrise/ Archibeque Park in Greeley on the 1st Saturday of each month.

For information, please contact Laura Ehrlich, the eGroup point leader on this outreach and the egg casserole need, at lehrlich@eaton.K12.co.us or 970.302.6103.



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