

## LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

**Message Series:** What About Bob?  
**Message Title:** Who Is Bob?  
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### UP NEXT

- **THE HALLOWEEN BASH - Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>** from 3:00pm-5:00pm at Reality Church. If you've been around Reality for any length of time you know we love The Halloween Bash. It's one of our biggest community events we do. Like previous years, we are asking that each Life Group host a 'trunk' complete with original theme and lots of candy for the kids. It could be a Pirate Ship or a Disco Floor, Candyland or Candy Crush. You're only limited by your imagination. Each trunk will get 2 parking slots. Please let us know if you're going to have any special needs (i.e. generator, extension cords, etc) and we will try to help accommodate. Roger Graber has assured me that an award will be given for the best trunk! Even if your group cannot supply a themed trunk, we still need help in other areas (Set-Up, Event help, & Clean-Up).

### MAIN IDEA .....

Who are those close to you that do not believe how you do or feel like they would belong with you?

### FIRST THE GOOD NEWS .....

- This week, we're going to focus on the Good news of Jesus! We can't assume everyone gathered around the room believes the same thing about God. First the basics... Spend time reading over these truths, answering any questions from group members.
- **God Created Us for His Glory**
  - "Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth, everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory" (**Isaiah 43:6-7**).
  - First off, does everyone agree that God made all of us in his own image so that we would reflect his character and moral beauty?
- **Every Human Should Live for God's Glory**
  - "Whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God" (**1 Corinthians 10:31**).
  - How can we live for God's glory?
  - The way to live for the glory of God is to love him (**Matthew 22:37**), trust him (**Romans 4:20**), be thankful to him (**Psalms 50:14**) and obey him (**Matthew 5:16**).
  - When we do these things we image-forth God's glory.
- **We Have All Sinned and Fallen Short of God's Glory**
  - "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (**Romans 3:23**). "Although they knew God they did not glorify him as God or give thanks to him...but exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images..." (**Romans 1:21-23**).
  - None of us has loved or trusted or thanked or obeyed God as we should.
  - Oh, we're good, but compare that goodness next to the goodness of God. We fall very short.
- **We All Deserve Eternal Punishment**
  - "The wages of sin is (eternal) death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord" (**Romans 6:23**).
  - Those who did not obey the Lord Jesus "Shall suffer the punishment of eternal destruction and exclusion from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might" (**2 Thessalonians 1:9**).
  - "They shall go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life" (**Matthew 25:46**).

- **In His Mercy, God Sent His Only Son (Jesus Christ) to Provide the Way of Eternal Life**
  - *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).*
  - *"Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us" (Galatians 3:13).*
  - *"Christ also died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God" (1 Peter 3:18).*
- **Eternal Life Is a Free Gift to All Who Will Trust in Christ**
  - *"Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31).*
  - *"If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9).*
  - *"By grace are you saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God—not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8).*
  - *"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20).*

## DISCUSSION .....

- If we're going to share our faith, we first need to have a faith to share.
  - Does everyone agree with these above truths?
  - If not, feel free to express your doubts, uncertainty, and/or concerns.
- Would anyone like to take this opportunity to respond to this good news and place their faith in Jesus Christ for the first time?
  - Obviously, it should go without saying that if someone responds, a party should be thrown on the spot henceforth!
- Each of you take time sharing how you came to faith...
  - When was it?
  - Where was it?
  - Was anyone else involved?
  - Is there anything specific you remember or don't remember about that moment? (for example, I can remember who I was speaking with but I can't remember the exact date).
- On a scale of 1-10 (where 1 is very little and 10 is very much) how much did you know about Jesus when you placed your faith in Him as Savior?
- Followup Question: Do you have to understand everything about God to believe in Jesus?
- Followup Question: What would you say is the absolute basic information that someone needs to know in order to believe in Jesus as Savior? (think a small child, very unchurched person, or foreigner).

## APPLY IT .....

- See Bob. In other words, your homework is to notice people this week. The best thing you can do given the opportunity is to share your story (just like you did tonight in group).