

Group Questions – A Place 4 Everyone: Week 1

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Getting to Know Me Questions:

- If you had a time machine that would work only once, what point in the future or past would you visit? Why?
- Describe a time where you felt like an outsider.

Into the Bible Questions:

- What's something from this week's teaching that you learned, that stood out, interesting etc?
- **READ: Acts 15:1-11, 19-21, 30-31**
- Verses 1-11 of Acts 15 describes an early disagreement among the early church about whether or not Gentiles should be allowed to into the church. Some of the church leaders viewed them as outsiders and should be treated as such. In verses 11 and 19, Peter stands up and declares that the church should not exclude the Gentiles and the church "we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God."
- Describe a time when you felt like an outsider **at a church**. How did that experience affect your attitude towards the Church overall or that Church?
- Why do you think it is easy for churches to forget that church is for everyone not just for "church people"?
- One of the primary reasons we make others feel like outsiders is because we are too comfortable in our current surroundings. We must get out of our comfort zone. Share a time when you jumped out of your comfort zone to do something God was leading you to do. How did your stepping out of your comfort zone help you grow as a person and in your faith?
- What changes in our mindset and actions can we make to help our church environment be "A Place for Everyone?"
- What are some of the ways LH has successfully created an environment that is "A Place for Everyone?"
- How can your change of mindset affect the ways LH creates this type of environment?
- Who would you like to see find a place in your church? Name them and why this person is important to you/
- What would it take for them to be comfortable at LH?
- This week take some steps to do your part in helping make LH "A Place for Everyone."

Application:

- Don't rush out of the church after your worship experience. Spend some time visiting with those **you do not know and especially those who are visitors**.
- Before, during and after your worship experience, keep an eye out for someone who looks lost or could use some help or you don't know. Step up and do what you can to assist them and make them feel at home.
- If you are not already serving, it is time to step up and serve. Consider serving in an area of ministry to help create a welcoming atmosphere for everyone in the church!