

Message Devotional & Discussion Questions 1/14/2024

MESSAGE: Jesus Friends WEEK#2

SERIES: Where Am I?

COMMUNICATOR: Pastor Stephen Masters

CHECKIN' IN: How is your week? What was one of the highlights? Share wins (things God did that moved his mission forward and you closer to Jesus). What did you put into

practice from last week's Devotional & Discussion?

THINK, DISCUSS, LIVE: These questions work well individually or in a group setting to encourage spiritual growth, engage in biblical community and live it in the world around you.

- 1. If you could capture one moment of your life, which one would it be? A special event, a vacation, a financial opportunity, a life changing conversation...something else?
- 2. Read John 10:10. In what areas have you felt your life has been stolen, killed or destroyed? Family? Job? Friends? Finances? Physically? Other? Pray for those who are struggling in one or more of these areas.
- 3. What is one example this week where you have experienced the rich and satisfying life that Jesus brings? Share that experience.
- 4. God created us for relationships. What are some examples of this truth? What are some relationships that you value and why are they important to you?
- 5. Read Acts 2:42. Discuss what fellowship looks like to you? Why is it important? What are some of the components of fellowship? How can we improve our fellowship with others?
- 6. Mentor relationships: Besides Google, who do you call when you need answers to life's many questions? Why do you go to this particular person?
- 7. Proverbs 13:20 reminds us to walk with wise people. Who are the wise people in your life? How have they enhanced your life this past year? What do you appreciate about the wise people in your life?
- 8. Peer relationships: Who do you have fun with? When was the last time you hung out with your "Jesus friends" outside of a Canvas gathering? What did you do for fun?
- 9. Read Hebrews 10:24. How can you this week make this verse happen? What will you say and do to apply this verse for the people you come in contact with?
- 10. How can you help others this week be more like Jesus? Words of affirmation, do something nice, give a small gift, be present with them?
- 11.**TRUTH DEMANDS A RESPONSE!** What is <u>one</u> action step you will take this week in response to our discussion or nudge from the Holy Spirit? Be specific.

2024 TRANSFORMATION CHALLENGE: We have created some resources to help you grow. Check out the *Experience God* page. Go to **canvas.church/experience-god** or *Experience God* on the Canvas App., read the "Make Me Better" section, start a new



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discipline, try a new Bible engagement tool, or help someone go further on their faith journey. Let us know how it's going.

INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP PRAYER OPTIONS:

- Prayer Question: "What's going on in our lives that we can involve Jesus?"
- **Ask:** What was one praise and one challenge you experienced this week? Celebrate the praises and pray for the challenges.
- Ask if anyone has a need or knows of a need, you can also offer "unspoken" prayer requests.
- **Pray for the person on your right,** it can be out loud or in silence, if in silence nudge the person next to you letting them know you are done.
- **Prayer Clusters:** Groups of two or three (by gender) and share your week together. Pray together and for each other. Send them a text, or leave a message letting them know you have prayed for them this week.
- Have someone in your group keep an active list of the requests and the answers for both the updates and to celebrate the answers.

Are you interested in the Bible and in helping Life Groups benefit from the weekend message? We have a team for you! Canvas members like you create these discussion guides each week. If you are interested in joining the team, please email rickz@canvas.church