



## Message Devotional & Discussion Questions

1/7/2024

**MESSAGE:** Church

**WEEK#1**

**SERIES:** Where Am I?

**COMMUNICATOR:** Pastor Kevin Geer

**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. What is your mindset when a new year arrives? Fix the wrongs from the previous year? Start with a clean slate? Set new goals? or Nothing changes even though the calendar does. Do you have a different answer?
2. What are some of the reasons why people go to church? Of the reasons mentioned, which one would you say is your main reason for going to church?
3. Do you believe regular church attendance is A. Optional B. Mandatory C. Important D. Crucial E. None of the above. Why did you choose your answer?
4. Of the three circles, (Canvas Church), (Jesus Friends), and (Lost Friends)...which one do you find yourself growing in the most? Which one would you say is your biggest challenge living out?
5. What words or phrases would you use to describe living a transformational life?
6. Read Acts 2:42;46. What do you see are key components of the early church? How do these components translate into the life of the present church? Which one resonates most with you?
7. John 13:34-35 reveals a promise with a responsibility. What is the promise? What is our responsibility? What are some ways we will as an individual or as a group live this truth in our life context?
8. How will you this week focus on the love God has for you? How will you make that love translate into loving others this week? Try to be specific.
9. Read 2 Corinthians 3:18b and Colossians 1:28. What is the outcome that Paul is striving after for the follower of Christ? Do you think this is an important outcome? How would you describe this outcome to a non-believer?
10. **TRUTH DEMANDS A RESPONSE!** What is one action step you will take this week in response to our discussion or nudge from the Holy Spirit? Be specific.

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**2024 TRANSFORMATION CHALLENGE:** We have created some resources to help you grow. Check out the *Experience God* page. Go to [canvas.church/experience-god](https://canvas.church/experience-god) or *Experience God* on the Canvas App., read the "Make Me Better" section, start a new discipline, try a new Bible engagement tool, or help someone go further on their faith journey. Let us know how it's going.



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### 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 helping individuals or 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](mailto:rickz@canvas.church)**