

## **GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Have you ever been put on the spot with a question where you knew there was no good way to answer — maybe because you were being pressured to 'pick a side' you didn't fully agree with? How did you handle it?"
2. Jesus faced public challenges meant to discredit Him. How can you be ready to respond with both truth and grace when your faith is questioned or misrepresented? (*Matt. 10:16; 1 Pet. 3:15*)
3. What does it mean for your daily decisions, priorities, and identity that you are made in God's image and belong fully to Him? How should Psalm 24:1 shape your view of ownership and stewardship?
4. Jesus refuses to take human sides, just as the commander of the Lord's army said in (Josh. 5:13–15) He was "neither" for Israel nor their enemy. When have you tried to put Jesus on your side, and what would it look like to lay that down and align fully with Him instead?
5. The crowd marveled at Jesus' answer because He reframed the trap entirely. When was the last time God surprised you with His wisdom, and how can you cultivate a heart that marvels at Him regularly? (*Col. 2:1-4*)
6. What's the difference between outward compliance to laws or rules and true obedience that flows from loving God? How can you tell the difference in your own life? Read (*1 Sam. 15:22; Mic. 6:8*)
7. *Where do you feel the strongest pressure to conform to cultural expectations, and how can you resist in a way that still seeks the good of your community while remembering this world is not your ultimate home? (1 Pet. 2:11–12, Jer. 29:7)*

**MEMORIZE:** "but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect," *1 Peter 3:15*