



Dear Life Group Leaders,

It is such a great work that all of us participate in as we open our hearts and homes in order to gather together the Central Life family. It is the heart of discipleship! Praying, giving, praising, teaching and sharing all things we have in common with each other. It's the family in operation as Jesus designed it. For a reminder, refresh your spirit in Acts 2:42-47.

It's important that we always remember why we are doing what we do and for who? To introduce others to Jesus and help them grow in their faith! I can't think of a better place to do this than in a Life Group.

We love you and appreciate your efforts to study, pray and be hospitable.

**In Jesus name,
Pastor Randy**

SEVEN [part 5] I Am Thirsty

ICEBREAKER

What was most memorable from this week's message? What did the Holy Spirit say to you?

Read aloud ***John 19: 28- 29; Exodus 12: 21- 23; John 4: 13- 14***

DISCUSS

1. In verse 28, Jesus verbalized His humanity when He said, "I am thirsty." Those simple words open a window to help us understand how much He relates to our human experience. What is something you experienced this past week that was difficult, hurtful or painful?

2. Did you associate your difficult, hurtful or painful experience with Jesus ability to

feel it with you? In other words, were you cognoscente of Jesus in your experience? Remember, He is your constant companion in all situations.

3. Read aloud **Philippians 2:5-8**. Now describe in your own words the humanity of Jesus in these verses. Feel the willingness of Jesus to become human.

4. **Exodus 12** and **John 4** are two places that connect us to Jesus 5th statement on the cross. As you've focused on these passages, what "thirst" are you becoming aware of in your life? Is there a greater sense of peace and refreshment that you're looking for in a particular area of your life?

5. Growing in your knowledge and love for the truth of God's Word is a learned behavior. We develop an appetite for it. Jesus in **Matthew 5:6**, reflects this when He says, Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. How is your appetite growing?

6. Can someone in the group share their story of how they came to know Jesus and surrendered their life to His control? Tell the group briefly...

- 1) What your life was like before you met Jesus.
- 2) What happened when you met Jesus.
- 3) How you are different because you met Jesus.

NEXT STEPS

One of the most powerful ways to grow in our faith is to share our own story with someone who does not know Jesus in a personal way and does not have the assurance that when they die they will go to heaven. The exercise in question 6, is a simple outline for you to use in sharing your faith story.

This week practice your story with this in mind. Time yourself and learn to do it in 5 minutes or less. Then, practice with a friend or your spouse. Doing this will help you to be ready at a moments notice when you feel the opportunity is before you. Every follower of Jesus should know how to share their story. Why? Because every person deserves to know how much Jesus loves them.

I Peter 3:15, ...you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And, if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it.

PRAY

Throughout the series we have made an emphasis of praying for people who do not yet have a personal relationship with Jesus. Continue this with a time of prayer this week by...

1. Speaking the name[s] of the people you know who need salvation to each other and to the Lord in prayer.
2. Asking God to give you boldness and the right word at the right time to begin leading them to Jesus.
3. Commit in prayer and to one another to bring these friends to Church on an upcoming Sunday.

Conclude by praying for one another.

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