

Dear Life Group Leaders,

Our current series, SEVEN; the last statements of Jesus while suffering the crucifixion, is teaching us many things about what it means to live a Christ-like life. I trust you are doing well as the leader of your Life Group. The reports we receive are wonderful. We are experiencing the results of doing life together. As you study with your group this week I pray you will be motivated to take what God has given you and let it become the overflow of your heart as you share. I know that Pastor Ryan, the Staff and Elders of CL are anticipating a mighty move of God's Holy Spirit to permeate our neighborhoods and our church.

We're praying for you!

In Jesus name, Pastor Randy

SEVEN [part 3] Love

Read together: John 19:25-27, Exodus.20:12

DISCUSS

1. In what ways could you pay more attention to your immediate family to show your love and importance to them? How can getting closer to Jesus help raise their importance in your eyes? *If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. I Timothy 5:8*

2. *Friends love through all kinds of weather, and families stick together in all kinds of trouble. Proverbs* **17:17** Have you ever stood up for someone who needed your emotional support and how did that turn out?

3. What does Christ's love tell you about how you should love other believers? Discuss steps you can take to improve your ability to serve older believers and mentor younger ones. *Your attitude should be the same as Christ Jesus. Philippians 2:5*

4. How does pain make you more self-centered? How can you prepare yourself to reach out to others in pain even when you are suffering? Ask each member to briefly share how they were healed from their pain by helping others. *Each one of us needs to look after the good of the people around us asking, "How can I help?" Romans 5:2-3*

5. Tell us about the last neighbor you talked with?

6. What distractions or activities keep you from meeting the needs of others? List some practical steps to more often find Jesus disguised as a hurting person.

NEXT STEPS

What can you do (as an individual or life group) to increase your service to others?

PRAY

Pray for each others struggles in order to glorify God and help each other to mature as Christ followers. Pray for the family of Central Life that we will collectively reach into our neighborhoods, schools, places we work and engage in the lives of those who need salvation and practical help.

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