

# LIFE GROUPS

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. The term “gospel” means “good news.” How is the gospel good news?

2. How do you become a child of God?

**a. God desires for us to have a life full of peace and joy.** - *Therefore, since we have been made right in God’s sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.* (Romans 5:1)

**b. But we are separated from God because of our sin.** - *For all have sinned; all fall short of God’s glorious standard.* (Romans 3:23)

**c. However, God has provided Jesus who paid the price for our sin at the cross.** – *But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.* (Romans 5:8)

**d. Therefore, we need to receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.** – *For if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved.* (Romans 10:9-10)

**Pray right now.** Say to God, “I believe Jesus is Lord; that he died and rose from the dead.” Pray, “Please forgive me of my sins. Jesus, come into my life and take control. Fill me with the Holy Spirit. Amen.”

Though this may sound simple, it is what God asks of us. You can know you have God in your life right now. The Bible says that “I write this to you who believe in the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life.” (I John 5:13)

If you have prayed this prayer, please contact someone. Tell a friend. Tell the person next to you. You may speak to one of the pastors or leaders of Westside Church. They will not embarrass you. They care for you. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Craig (772.461.7828 or [craig@westside.church](mailto:craig@westside.church)).

3. Read John 3:3 & 3:16-18. What does it mean to be “born again?” When did you respond to Christ Jesus as Savior and Lord?

4. Read 1 John 5:11-13. To what degree are you confident that you will be with God in heaven when you die?



Grace

Ephesians 2:1-10

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**5. Read Acts 2:38. What does repentance have to do with salvation? What does it mean to “receive the gift of the Holy Spirit?”**

**6. What is baptism?**

**What?** – Baptism is a sacred act which symbolizes the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ in the life of a Christ-follower (Romans 6:3-4). It is a symbol of the washing away of one’s sins (Acts 22:16). Believers’ Baptism is an act of obedience where a Christ follower symbolically displays what Jesus Christ has done for him or her...washing away all his or her sins by dying on a cross and rising from the dead. We do not believe someone needs to be baptized more than once.

**Why?** – Jesus commands his followers to be baptized (Mark 16:15-16) and he set the example (Matthew 3:13-15). It shows the world to whom you belong. Baptism DOES NOT save you (see Luke 23:39-43 and Ephesians 2:8-10). Baptism is a response to what God has done and plays no part in the saving process.

**How?** – We practice immersion baptism. This means that one is fully immersed under water. We usually perform this in our baptismal. The amount of water does not make one more spiritual, but we practice immersion because we feel it best illustrates visually what Christ has done for us.

**When?** – Those who have professed Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are called to be baptized (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38-39).

**7. What benefit is there to being baptized? Have you been baptized? If so, when? If not, will you be baptized?**