

Life Group Questions and Message Notes

1. How is your pace?
2. How often are you allowing yourself to laugh?
3. What moments have you seen God build your faith?

“You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy.” 1 Peter 1:8

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“As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Now remain in My love. If you keep My commands, you will remain in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commands and remain in His love. I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.”
John 15:9-12 (NIV)

• LAUGH LIKE JESUS

“... The large crowd listened to Him (Jesus) with delight.” Mark 12:37 (NIV)

“The Son of Man came enjoying life.” Luke 7:34 (Ph)

• CRY LIKE JESUS

“Jesus wept.” John 11:35 (NIV)

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.” Matthew 5:4 (NIV)

“... Weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning.”
Psalm 30:5b (NLT)

• LOVE LIKE JESUS

“This is My commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you.”
John 15:12 (NLT)

“Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of himself. He had equal status with God but didn't think so much of Himself that He had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what. Not at all. When the time came, He set aside the

privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave, became human! Having become human, He stayed human. It was an incredibly humbling process. He didn't claim special privileges. Instead, He lived a selfless, obedient life and then died a selfless, obedient death—and the worst kind of death at that: a crucifixion.”

Philippians 2:5-8 (MSG)

“I've loved you the way My Father has loved Me. Make yourselves at home in My love. If you keep My commands, you'll remain intimately at home in My love. That's what I've done—kept My Father's commands and made Myself at home in His love.”

John 15:9-10 (MSG)