

Life Group Questions and Message Notes

1. When you're feeling stale and aimless, how do you spark creativity to get started again?
2. How consistent are your daily quiet times in God's Word? What is God teaching you?
3. How are you becoming more like Christ today?

SPARK – Cooperating With God's Creative Change Process

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"If the ax is dull, and one does not sharpen its edge, then one must exert more strength; however, the advantage of wisdom is that it brings success." Ecclesiastes 10:10
(HCSB)

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light."
Genesis 1:1-3 (NIV)

1. LIGHT: Inspiration from God

"And God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light." Genesis 1:1-3 (NIV)

"Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path." Psalm 119:105 (NIV)

"... I will guide them along paths they have not known. I will make the darkness become light for them, and the rough ground smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not leave my people."
Isaiah 42:16 (NCV)

2. LAND: Opportunities on Earth

"And God said, 'Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear and it was so. God called the dry ground 'land'" Genesis 1:9-10 (NIV)

"Benaiah son of Jehoiada, a valiant fighter from Kabzeel, performed great exploits. He struck down Moab's two mightiest warriors. He also went down into a pit on a snowy day and killed a lion."

2 Samuel 23:20 (NIV)

“But Martha was distracted by the big dinner she was preparing. She came to Jesus and said, ‘Lord, doesn’t it seem unfair to you that my sister just sits here while I do all the work? Tell her to come and help me.’ But the Lord said to her, ‘My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these details! There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her.’”
Luke 10:40-42 (NLT)

Cut Out Distractions

- Worrying about things I can’t control.
- Trying to please everyone.
- Wasting time with negative people.
- Complaining and grumbling.
- Trying to do everything perfectly.
- Talking more than listening.
- Putting off a decision that needs to be made.
- Avoiding that person I need to have a conversation with.

3. LIFE: The Passion of Your Heart

“Then God said, ‘Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.’ And it was so. The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.”
Genesis 1:11-12 (NIV)

4. LIKENESS: Developing Christlike Character

“Then God said, ‘Let Us make mankind in our image, in Our likeness, ... So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them.’” Genesis 1:26-27 (NIV)

5. LIMITS: The Power of God’s Care and Control

“By the seventh day God had finished the work He had been doing; so on the seventh day He rested from all His work.” Genesis 2:2 (NIV)

“The teaching about the cross is foolishness to those who are being lost, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” 1 Corinthians 1:18 (NCV)