



The Church: Defined – Who Leads Our Church?

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Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?*

Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.

The Priority of Joy: *Take some time to look up and read Matthew 13:44-46*

- Describe the “treasures” gained by those who have inherited the Kingdom of God.

Religious Idea:	Biblical Truth:
God wants to be my highest commitment	God wants to be my greatest joy. That joy then expresses itself in all my relationships and responsibilities

- What is the danger/risk/incomplete aspect of embracing this “Religious Idea” over this “Biblical Truth”?

The Priority of Growth: *Take some time to look up and read Romans 12:1-2*

- What is the purpose of “being transformed by the renewal of your mind”? What does this matter?

Religious Idea:	Biblical Truth:
I was “saved” when I surrendered to Jesus.	“Salvation” began for me when I first surrendered to Jesus, but the journey of life change continues each and every day.

- What areas of your mind have been renewed/transformed/completely changed because of Christ?

The Priority of Love: *Take some time to look up and read 1 John 2:15-17, 1 John 4:17-21*

- What do these verses tell us about love.

Religious Idea:	Biblical Truth:
We are not to love the world or the things in the world.	We are to love the world as Christ loved the world, giving the world life, not drawing his life from it.

- What does it look like for us to love the world like Christ?

Surrender: Responding to God’s voice.

- What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today ****

We’re here!

We would love to hear about how things are going in your small group!

Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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