

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Sept 27

1. Humility

- a. When you hear humility described as knowing where you are, how you got there, and whose you are, which of those three is easiest for you to remember—and which is easiest to forget? Why?
- b. How might remembering that we are in Christ, that we got here by grace, and that we belong to Jesus change the way we see ourselves and the way we treat other people?

2. Partnership

- a. Think of a time when you were part of something meaningful with other people. What made that experience life-giving?
- b. Paul describes his relationship with the Philippians as a “partnership in the gospel”—people bringing their lives, gifts, and resources together for something bigger than themselves. Where do you see that kind of partnership happening at Grace? Where might we be invited into more of it?

3. Joy

- a. Can you think of a time when you expected something to make you happy, but it didn’t—or when something difficult or costly unexpectedly became a source of deep gladness? What happened?
- b. Eric suggested that joy isn’t something we can simply grasp by pursuing it; it grows as the fruit of a certain way of living. How does that challenge the ways we normally look for happiness or fulfillment? What do you think tends to produce lasting joy in a person’s life—and what tends to get in the way?

4. Zooming Out

- a. When you’re discouraged or uncertain, what do you naturally tend to focus on?
- b. Paul “zooms out”—remembering where God’s work began, recognizing what God is doing now, and trusting where it is ultimately going. Can you think of a time when looking at a larger part of your story helped you see a difficult season differently?
- c. Where might you need to “zoom out” right now? Where can you recognize God’s faithfulness more clearly when you look at the larger story rather than just the present moment?

5. Keep Going the Way of Jesus

- a. When you’re facing a difficult or discouraging situation, how often do you find yourself looking for something new—a different approach, a new solution, or something that will motivate you again?
- b. Paul’s prayer for the Philippians isn’t that they would discover a new way forward. He prays that their love would abound more and more, growing into knowledge, discernment, and a life of integrity. What might it look like to trust that the way of Jesus is still the way forward, rather than assuming we need something new or different?
- c. What might it look like to begin with love rather than simply trying to find the “right” answer? How could that love shape the way you respond?