



CIRCLE UP

Week 2 - Group Discussion Questions

PLEASE READ BEFORE LEADING DISCUSSION

- Recommended questions are highlighted in bold, but **select 5 or 6 questions** you think will work best for your group discussion. You likely won't have time to discuss all of the questions so choose which questions you will ask ahead of time and make sure to provide plenty of time to focus on the application questions.
- Feel free to edit or reword questions to best fit your group.
- You may want to print out copies of this document for everyone so they can follow along with the questions as you read them.

ICEBREAKER (5-10 Minutes)

1. Growing up, did you have a teacher or a mentor that impacted your life? Tell us about them.

PLAY VIDEO # 1 (5 Minutes)— Explains what loving other people have to do with loving God.

STARTING THE DISCUSSION (5-10 Minutes)

2. Talk about an area of life (career, health, a hobby) where you've grown significantly over time. What did you do to pursue that growth?
3. In the video, spiritual growth is defined as *a growing faith in God validated by a growing love for God and others.*
 - o Is that a different definition than what you understood growing up?
 - o Does it change the way you think about pursuing spiritual growth?

DIGGING DEEPER (10 Minutes)

in the video we saw 5 things common to people growing spiritually. Private Disciplines, Practical Teaching, Providential Relationships, Personal Ministry and Pivotal Circumstances.

4. **Which of those 5 categories would you say you have experienced the most growth?**
5. **Which could use some attention?**
6. **If every step forward is progress, what could you do this week to take a step to grow spiritually?**

APPLYING IT (10-15 Minutes)

During the next week each member of the group will have the opportunity to share a little about their background as well as the people and circumstances that have been influential in their life.

7. **Take a moment and write down the order in which each of you will share. The leader goes first, but write down the order that will follow.**
8. **How can the group pray for you this week?**
 - o Is anything going on that's causing you stress?
 - o Are you looking forward to something and hoping it goes well?

What to share next week:

Each person will only have 5-7 minutes to share and if your nervous don't worry, it goes faster than you think. Also go early on in the order so you do not have to live with the anxiety. Feel free to bring your phone with a few photos if it helps. Here are a few things the can help you prepare what to share.

- Where are you from?
- What is something few people may know about you?
- Describe your family.
- Describe your faith background.
- Describe a person or event that influenced who you are today.