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Life Group Study Questions

For the week of March 13, 2022

This week is your last meeting of the Winter Quarter. We hope you've found your time over these past nine weeks to be spiritually and relationally encouraging. We'll take a one-week break, then the Spring Quarter begins the week of March 27 and runs through May 28. Please be sure to confirm your plans for the Spring Quarter with your group leader.

MY STORY

1. We had another incredible message this weekend. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?
2. This week we heard how God's Word will remind us of His presence, promises and provision. When you think of the promises of God, are there one or two you typically remember or depend on, that are important themes for you as a follower of Jesus? If so, explain.
3. Over these past nine weeks of this Life Group quarter, a lot has happened in our world and each of our lives. Can you think of any specific ways you've experienced God's presence, promises or provision?

Can you think of any specific ways your time in your Life Group has played a similar role for you as Jonathan did for David?

DIGGING DEEPER

As you read Psalm 40 below, circle, highlight or underline anything that catches your attention about God's work in our lives. Then go back and identify if anything you "marked up" represents God's presence, promise or provision?

¹ I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry. ² He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. ³ He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the LORD and put their trust in him.

⁴ Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods.⁵ Many, LORD my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us. None can compare with you; were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare.

⁶ Sacrifice and offering you did not desire— but my ears you have opened— burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require. ⁷ Then I said, "Here I am, I have come— it is written about me in the scroll. ⁸ I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart."

⁹ I proclaim your saving acts in the great assembly; I do not seal my lips, LORD, as you know.

¹⁰ I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and your saving help. I do not conceal your love and your faithfulness from the great assembly.

¹¹ Do not withhold your mercy from me, LORD; may your love and faithfulness always protect me. ¹² For troubles without number surround me; my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see. They are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails within me. ¹³ Be pleased to save me, LORD; come quickly, LORD, to help me.

¹⁴ May all who want to take my life be put to shame and confusion; may all who desire my ruin be turned back in disgrace. ¹⁵ May those who say to me, "Aha! Aha!" be appalled at their own shame. ¹⁶ But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who long for your saving help always say, "The LORD is great!"

¹⁷ But as for me, I am poor and needy; may the Lord think of me. You are my help and my deliverer; you are my God, do not delay.

Looking back at what you “marked up,” which two are most important for you to remember?

How does knowing these move and/or motivate you to action and not just knowledge?

REMEMBRANCE

As followers we can choose to live in how we see ourselves or how God sees us. Yet, all too often we forget we have this choice and the incredible forgiveness, grace and value we have because of what Jesus has done for us. Jesus knows we forget! That’s why He told His disciples to take Communion and “do this in remembrance of me!” Communion is the very symbol and reminder of our need for God and all that He has done for us— forgiveness, a costly sacrifice, a new life and a new relationship with our almighty God!

To prepare for your time in taking Communion in your Life Group together, read the following verses and jot down what stands out to you about how much God loves us and what Jesus has done for you.

Luke 15:8-10 New International Version (NIV)

⁸ “Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ ¹⁰ In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

John 10:10-11 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. ¹¹ “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

Hebrews 4:14-16 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

1 John 1:8-10 New International Version (NIV)

⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 New International Version (NIV)

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” ²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Not in Life Group? If you would like to take Communion individually, feel free to use the North Coast Worship Team song at northcoastchurch.com/communion to help lead you through a time of remembrance and thankfulness for what Jesus has done for you.

UKRAINE CRISIS— WAYS TO SUPPORT

Our hearts are breaking for the situation in Ukraine. Some of our missionaries work with Josiah Venture, which partners with local churches in Central and Eastern Europe. Josiah Venture has been in Ukraine serving over 100 churches since before 2007. For more information on Josiah Venture in Ukraine and ways to support, visit northcoastchurch.com/ukraine.