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LIFE GROUPS

DISCUSSION GUIDE

These questions are designed to help groups discuss the weekend teaching while building relationships with each other and applying God's Word to our lives.

April 5, 2026

WARM UP



1. We just celebrated Easter. What is a memorable Easter for you, and why does it stand out?

2. In this weekend's passage, Jesus gives Simon a new name - Peter. Did you have a nickname growing up or one that friends still use today? What's the story behind it?

3. What was something new, memorable, or surprising from this weekend's message?

KNOW IT



In the passage this weekend, Jesus asks His disciples who people think He is, and then asks them, "What about you?" Re-read Matthew 16:13-28.

1. *Jesus draws a distinction between what people say about Him and what His disciples personally believe. How would you personally describe what it looks like to truly know Jesus, and follow Him daily, not just in words, but in how you live?*

2. *Even after walking closely with Jesus, Peter still misunderstood parts of who He was and what He came to do. How do people today tend to get Jesus right in some areas, but wrong in others? What are areas you feel like you still need to get right or work on?*

SHARE IT



1. Peter went from getting it right to getting it wrong in a matter of moments. Jesus actually called him, "Satan," yet continued to work in his life. Can you think of a time you acted more like Satan than Christ? What did you learn about God's grace from that experience?

2. Chris talked about the exchange we make when we surrender and follow Jesus. Look back at verses 25-26. How would you describe the kind of life you've gained since surrendering to Jesus?

LIVE IT



1. Chris talked about three main things that show our surrender to Jesus: our relationships, our finances, and our entertainment. What is one way your life looks noticeably different in any of those three areas because you follow Jesus?

2. Which of these is the easiest to for you to surrender, and which is the hardest? What step can you take this week to surrender something you struggle to release?

TIPS ON GROUP PRAYER

Prayer is an important part of being in a Life Group. Over the years, we've found that group prayer goes better when we follow three simple guidelines.

WE PRAY FOR ONE TOPIC AT A TIME - Anyone in the group is free to introduce a prayer request, either before prayer begins or during prayer time. Once a topic is introduced, the group focuses on that request alone. Once it's covered, the group moves on to the next topic.

PRAY MORE THAN ONCE - Because the group is focusing on one topic at a time, each person is encouraged to pray several times during the prayer time for those topics they feel most led to pray about. No one is required to pray.

WE KEEP OUR PRAYERS SHORT AND SIMPLE - Group prayer goes better when members keep their prayers short and to the point. When someone prays for a long time, it's hard for the other members to stay focused, and long prayers tend to intimidate those who are just learning to pray out loud in a group. No one is required to pray out loud.