

# *Sermon Questions for Life Groups*

## **Communion (Eph. 3:17-19)**

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*These questions are generated by several authors for Life Group discussions  
or family or personal devotions*

1. Can you remember Bible songs that you learned as a child ?
2. Pastor Dave, in his charge to Jakob, emphasized adherence to God's Word, spiritual gifting, leadership, parish care, and prayer. Discuss the relevance of each of these in the ministry of our church.
3. Pastor Dave also said it was possible to rest back on previous laurels. How and why do we avoid this?
4. Pastor Jakob talked about of Jesus' approach to others always in one of three ways: truth, power and/or love. Can you think of examples in Christ's ministry for each of these?
5. You have a testimony of how Christ reached out to you. Was it with truth, power and/or love? Share with your group. How can you use that testimony to win others to Christ?
6. In the passage for this week's sermon, Paul prayed that we would be rooted and grounded in love. Christ himself spoke in terms of being like a plant that we should be rooted to, in the book of John. Read John 15:1-11 and discuss the following:
  - a. According to Christ's words, what is the only way that we can remain rooted and grounded in love?
  - b. How else do Christ's words in John relate to Paul's words in Ephesians 3?
7. Jesus' love is wide and accepting; in addition to Ephesians 3: 17 – 19, please also read and meditate on the following parallel verses: Matthew 27:51, Luke 4:18-19, John 3:16, John 15:9, Acts 10: 34 – 38, Romans 5:8. What can you summarize about the width of the love of Christ?

8. Jesus' love is long and lasting; Read Psalm 103: 17, Psalm 136: 1 – 3 (all 26 verses have the same message!), Jeremiah 31:3, Ephesians 1: 3 – 5. Please share moments in your life where you had experienced or tasted the love of Christ?
  
9. Jesus' love is high and exalting; Read Psalm 46:10, Psalm 57:5, Romans 8: 37 - 39. Philippians 2:9, Revelations 4:11. Take some time as a group to reflect on the majesty and limitless height of Christ and His love, and spend time to praise and exalt Him as He is deserving of our worship.
  
10. Jesus' love is deep and sacrificial; As we are nearing the Holy Easter week, let us focus on the deep, deep and sacrificial love of Christ when He shed His blood for our iniquities and by His grace tore the veil in two to provide direct access to the merciful throne of God. Reflect on John 15:13, Galatians 2:20, Ephesians 1: 5 – 8, Ephesians 2: 1- 10, give thanks to Christ for what He has done.
  
11. If time permits, reflect on the words of this hymn, and/or sing together if you are familiar with the tune:

O THE DEEP, DEEP LOVE OF JESUS - [Author: S. Trevor Francis](#) [Tune: EBENEZER \(Williams\)](#)

1 Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
 vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!  
 Rolling as a mighty ocean  
 in its fullness over me!  
 Underneath me, all around me,  
 is the current of thy love -  
 leading onward, leading homeward,  
 to that glorious rest above

2 Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus -  
 spread his praise from shore to shore!  
 How he loves us, ever loves us,  
 changes never, nevermore!  
 How he watches o'er his loved ones,  
 died to call them all his own;  
 how for them he's interceding,  
 watching o'er them from the throne!

3 Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
 love of every love the best!  
 'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,  
 'tis a haven sweet of rest!  
 Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus -  
 'tis heaven of heavens to me;  
 and it lifts me up to glory,  
 for it lifts me up to thee!

