

Sermon Questions for Life Groups

Remember Your Leaders (Hebrews 13:7-9a)

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

1. Think of someone or of several people who have influenced you spiritually in the past and how did they do so?

2. Aside from our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, what other Biblical person has positively inspired you and why were you inspired?

3. Consider the ‘cloud of witnesses’ detailed in Hebrews 11. What strikes you about these individuals and what do you/we have in common with them? What should be imitated?

4. One of the reasons for the writing of Hebrews was to encourage believers who were being persecuted and some of those who were being led astray by all kinds of strange teachings (Hebrews 13:9A). Read John 8:44 – What are some of these ‘lies’ that we hear about today in reference to distorting Biblical truths such as salvation or sinfulness? Why are these lies so popular?

5. Consider the definition of post-truth: ‘Objective truth doesn’t matter. How you feel about something matters.’ How do we see this playing out in our world? How does Scripture refute this? (ref. Isaiah 45:19, Zech. 8:16, John 15:26, others?)

6. Following are some common excuses that people come up with when they find themselves drifting farther and farther from God:
 - “God is to blame for the evil that Satan has inflicted on our lives.”
 - “God has not rewarded me for being good. I have been used and not blessed.”
 - “God’s rules are restrictive and oppressive, He just wants to take the fun out of my life.”

Look up the following passages, do any of these help answer any of the above? Do you have additional verses with which to encourage people? Jeremiah 29:11, Ephesians 6:16, James 1:13, Isaiah 41:10, II Corinthians 9:8, Philippians 4:19

7. Not only should we be remembering our leaders, but we also must remember our ultimate leader and Lord, Jesus Christ. Scripture contains so much of what Christ said, did and taught us, but what is at least one aspect of Christ's life and teachings on earth that is very challenging for you to imitate? Read Hebrews 4:14 – 16, how might this passage help?

8. One of the takeaways that Pastor John provided for us was that spiritual growth involves your 'mind'. Please explain what this means and how you might apply this to your life? As references, read Romans 12:2, II Timothy 3: 16-17, Hebrews 4: 12.

9. How have you personally "paid it forward" by being an influential leader, yourself?

10. Who, in our church, could especially use role-models and strong spiritual influence? How can you be a role model to them? Hope can you 'step up' within the church to be this to your brothers and sisters?

11. What are some good reasons for reading and sharing biographies of historical people of faith within our families?