

Sermon Questions for Life Groups

Communion Service

Lamentations 3:22-23; Gal. 4:1-4

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

1. Just prior to the communion service, Pastor John shared with us Lamentations 3:22-23. Please read and share how the Lord has shown His mercies and compassion to you and your family and friends.
2. Pastor John spoke briefly on Galatians 4:4-7, as a reminder of how we have come into ‘sonship’ or as adopted children into the Kingdom of God. Remind yourselves why Jesus Christ was the only ‘mediator’ possible that could bring people to God? Name some of the ‘benefits’ of being an adopted child of God?
3. Further to above, consider how you might discuss this issue with a coworker who is of the Roman Catholic faith where the clergy (and sometimes Mary) is seen as the mediator between man and Jesus.
4. There was an announcement concerning the upcoming event on “Jesus, Sexuality and the Good News of the Gospel” with Sam Allberry being the keynote speaker. One of the points that Rev. Allberry brought up was that his identity in Christ is not rooted in his sexuality, as Christ himself never married, was not romantically involved nor did He ever engage in sex. Please discuss this point of view! Has hearing his testimony changed your perspective on homosexuality in the Church?
5. There was a time of prayer for anyone in the congregation who wanted to come forward where pastoral staff and elders were waiting to pray alongside them. In like manner, please use a time to share requests with one another, and to lift each other up in prayer – Reference – I Thessalonians 5: 10-12 and James 5:13-16.

Prayer Requests:

1. Pray for the Haiti/Galcom team that leaves/left Tuesday March 6 to spread the message of Jesus. Haiti is a very dark place and the team has been plagued with a number of issues, prior to their departure , that can only be attributed to spiritual warfare. Pray for them each day!
 - (Visit the website for Resounding Hope at <https://resoundinghope.org/> and learn more about the overall project to impact Haiti with solar powered radio that this short term team is just a small part of.
2. Pray for Venila and Michael Fequiere who return to their native Haiti for the first time in 29 years, with the missions team. They fled as refugees because it was not safe for them. In addition to their contribution to the team with translation from Creole to English, they will have opportunity to be reunited with family. Praise God for this and His intervention through his people at West Highland, in their family becoming citizens on Monday, receiving their passports on Tuesday and flying to Haiti on Wednesday! They give praise to Him that they will be under Canadian protection!
3. Give thanks and pray for the many volunteers who serve at Galcom (including several from West Highland who serve on the Board and otherwise). Pray for their work to 'go into all the world' with radios and Gospel recordings, to tell of Jesus. To learn more about Galcom International visit <http://www.galcom.org/>
4. Pray for the continued follow up of the 40+ people who indicated their interest at the Chinese Lunar New Year event. Some have already agreed to attend a follow-up event at West Highland on March 15th, where they will learn of more opportunities to investigate the Christian faith.