

Sermon Questions for Life Groups

Living a Life Worthy of Imitation

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

1. Is there someone that you have wanted to imitate with your life?

2. Read and determine the main point of these passages: I Corinthians 11:1, Philippians 3:17 and I Timothy 4:16. Now read Ephesians 5:1-33 and summarize the various aspects of one's life that God would have others imitate. What areas in your own life would you feel comfortable to have people imitate? How about areas of your life where you are not as comfortable?

3. How does the Word of God help you to guard your ways (Eph 5)?

4. Both the MINISTRY and the MESSAGE of the gospel are both crucial to winning lost souls for Christ. Read James 1:27 and James 2:18 and discuss the following:
 - a. Do these passages seem to suggest that this idea is true?
 - b. If so, how do you believe a believer's lack in one of these facets of the gospel will affect the success of the other?
 - c. If not, what do these passages imply in your opinion?

5. How have the words of others discouraged / encouraged you (Eph 4:15, 25, 29; James 1:19)?

6. Read Ephesians 4:25, 5:4, James 1:19 and 3:2. Discuss what should characterize the verbal (and written!) speech of a Christian believer? What are some reasons why it is difficult to conform to these Biblical principles?

7. Read James 3:2 and discuss what this passage means and whether or not you can fully agree with what it says? Are there any other analogies that you can think of related to controlling one's speech?

8. Read II Corinthians 13:11. When was the last time you had an opportunity to encourage someone and what did you end up saying? When you try to encourage someone, are there any guidelines for “Speaking the Truth in Love” from Ephesians 4:15?
9. We were warned to stay clear of idle men. How does Revelation 3:16 relate to that point and why is it so important that we not be idle ourselves or be led into idleness by others?

10. How is your ‘work’ of value as you live the Christian life (2 Thess 3:6)?

11. Read I Thessalonians 4:11-12 and II Thessalonians 3:6-9. Share with the group any examples from your life where the living out of your faith led to opportunities for sharing the gospel? What are some challenges to being a Christian witness at your workplace or in your normal environment? Are there some ways where other Christians can help and support you?

12. Read II Corinthians 5:20 and Ephesians 6:20. What is an ambassador and how can you participate in being an ambassador for Christ? From Romans 10: 16-17 it indicates that faith comes from hearing the message and that the message is heard from the Word concerning Christ. When you are sharing the gospel with someone, what are some key Biblical verses that you have used or that you can use?

13. Read Judges 7:1-18 and John 16:23 and discuss the following:
 - a. What weapons did Gideon use in this battle?
 - b. Why do you think we take credit for the victories and even the gifts that God has clearly blessed us with, rather than giving Him the credit that He is due?

14. What battles do you fight for Christ, and how do you prepare yourself for such warfare (Eph 6:10ff)? What are some practical ways we can “pray on the Full Armour of God?”

15. Is your life for Christ worthy of imitation?