

New Life Small Group Questions - Sunday, Dec 6, 2020

Secret of Immanuel #1

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1. How have you ever been guilty of allowing all the festiveness and trappings of Christmas to obscure the actual meaning of Christmas? How can we keep that from happening to us this year?
2. Read aloud Mark 2:6-12 and Philippians 2:5-7. Talk about how genuinely believing that the baby born at Christmas is the creator God of the Universe taking on flesh and entering our world is what allows everything else about Christianity to make sense. When & how were you able to accept this “impossible” reality to be factual?
3. Rather than social distancing from His creation, God chose to be WITH us. Talk about the importance of physical presence and how we can follow God’s example during a global pandemic - practicing “presence” with each other while at the same being wise and safety conscience.
4. Read aloud Matthew 1:21 and 1 John 2:2. Everyone needs a Savior! But the rub is that most don’t see a need to be saved. And yet, every self-aware person is in touch with their need to be saved from SOMETHING = addiction, difficulty, poverty, purposelessness, self-doubt, oppression, loneliness, their unreasonable boss, unfairness, obscurity, hurt, disappointment, insignificance, boredom, drudgery, brokenness, ETC. Talk about how helping people get to this level of vulnerability and honesty is the beginning point of any spiritual conversation with someone. How can we better do this with others?

Meeting on Zoom or in a room - Use this format:

1. Welcome everyone - Check-in! *How’s everyone doing?*
2. Make plans for any ministry or fun activities you’ll be doing soon as a group!
3. Discuss the Small Group Discussion Questions.
4. Share prayer requests, break into smaller groupings, and then pray for each other.

Looking for a QUICKER agenda for your Zoom meeting – Try this:

1. *Check in – share how everyone’s doing – Discuss plans for any upcoming ministry or social actions as a group.*
2. *Read any key passages from Sunday’s message. Then ask:*
 - a. *What for you were the main takeaways from this week’s message?*
 - b. *What steps of obedience are you feeling prompted by the Holy Spirit to take?*
3. *Share prayer requests and pray for each other.*

If launching or starting a NEW online small group:

1. Pick a couple of friends.
2. Pick a platform to use - (Zoom or any number of options!)
3. Use either of the above agendas!