



Life Groups Study Questions

Taking the Talk to Another Level

For the Week of November 25, 2018

Life Groups dig deeper into what we talked about this weekend as we do life together in relationships. If you're not in a Group you can find out more about Groups and how to get signed up by checking the "Groups" box on your Connection Card, getting a "Groups Brochure" at the Info Center in the Lobby or email us at groups@alivechurch.com.

Note: Our current Groups semester wraps up the week of December 2.

Winter/Spring Groups begin the week of January 13, 2019.

Connection Points

- Have you ever tried to save a few bucks by hiring cheap labor that turned out to cost you more in the long run because of inferior work? What happened?
- What was your home like when you were growing up? Did you feel safe? What did it seem to be "built" on?
- Talk about a time when you were given an instruction that you ignored, and it got you in trouble.

Quick Review

- Looking back at your Talk Notes, was there anything you heard for the first time? Did anything catch your attention, challenge, or confuse you?

Discussion Starters from The Weekend Talk

Our main Bible text was Matthew 7:24-27 where Jesus talks about building a house on rock or on the sand. Pastor Steve encouraged us to stormproof our home (life) by building it on the Rock of Jesus.

- What are some practical ways to do this?
- How have you chosen to build on The Rock?
- What have you learned the "hard way" about this principle?

Look back at the Bible verses in your Talk Notes.

- Which of them particularly resonates with you?
- Which of them challenge you?

Digging Deeper

Following are a few other Bible passages that also use building metaphors.

Isaiah 28:16 *"Therefore, this is what the Sovereign Lord says: 'Look! I am placing a foundation stone in Jerusalem, a firm and tested stone. It is a precious cornerstone that is safe to build on. Whoever believes need never be shaken.'" (See context in Isaiah 28:14-17)*

- See 28:14-15. On what were the "scoffing rulers" basing their "safety?"
- When have you put your trust in a lie?
- What are some characteristics of the true "foundation/cornerstone?"

Ephesians 2:19-22 *"¹⁹So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family. ²⁰Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. ²¹We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord. ²²Through him you Gentiles are also being made part of this dwelling where God lives by his Spirit."*

- Where is this "temple" being spoken of and why is this significant?
- Who lives in this temple?
- Pick out some descriptors for we who are as Followers of Jesus.

Taking It Home

- Our Next Step challenge this week is "I will ask God every day to help me build my home (life) on The Rock of Jesus."
 - What is one practical way in which you can do this?

Pray

- Pray in your Group for each of you to have success in building your home (life) on The Rock of Jesus. Especially pray for those who feel like it's too late in the game for this to make a difference.