



Life Groups Study Questions

Taking the Talk to Another Level

For the Week of February 10, 2019

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, going to alivechurch.com/groups, or email us at groups@alivechurch.com.

Connection Points

- What has been your most fulfilling way to serve?
- When you think of great service, who or what comes to mind?
- When you think of bad service, who or what comes to mind?

Quick Review

- Looking back at your Talk Notes, was there anything you heard in the service that particularly caught your attention, or that maybe challenged or even confused you?

Discussion Starters from the Weekend Talk

Pastor Jeff leaned into 1 Peter 4:8-11 to encourage us to "Look for ways to serve others." He also talked about Spiritual Gifts. He defined a Spiritual Gift as "given by the Holy Spirit and empowered by the Holy Spirit to be used in the ministry of the church."

- The title of the Talk was "Take off the Blinders." Be honest, have you ever chosen to walk past a need, hoping that someone else will take care of it?
- What do you do to help yourself be, as Barney Fife said in the old Andy Griffith Show, "a trained noticer"?
- Do you know your Spiritual Gift(s)? Have you ever done anything to discover what your gift(s) may be?
- How are Spiritual Gifts different from skills, talents, interests, and abilities?
- What does "use your gift well" mean to you?

Digging Deeper

Pastor Jeff challenged us in Next Step #1: "I will discover my Spiritual Gift(s)." We have an instrument that is useful for helping us discover or affirm our Spiritual Gift(s). So, let's dig in!

Your Leader has a copy of a "Spiritual Gifts Test." This is not a "test" in the sense of passing or failing, but simply a tool to help you know what your gifting is. If you've never done this before, you will be discovering information about yourself that will help you better know yourself and find ways you can serve in your sweet spot.

- Take the Spiritual Gifts Test.
- As you feel comfortable doing so, discuss your findings.
- Remember, this test is not intended to make you feel confined to a certain manner of serving, but rather to help you feel empowered to serve as best you can with how God has wired you to serve.

Taking It Home

- Our Next Step from the weekend also included these challenges:
 - I will get on a ministry team at Alive Church and use my spiritual gift(s).
 - I will continue serving on a team at Alive Church using my spiritual gifts(s) and I will develop them more.
- In what area(s) of the church do you think you best match up for serving?
- Where do you serve now?

Pray

- Pray for one another in your Group to know and embrace your Spiritual Gift(s) and seek to put them to use.

This Weekend:

- This weekend we continue our Talk Series, *"Always Open: Service with a Smile!"* Come ready to learn and be challenged.