



# Life Groups Study Questions

*Taking the Talk to Another Level*

For the Week of February 17, 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](http://alivechurch.com/groups), or email us at [groups@alivechurch.com](mailto:groups@alivechurch.com).

**Note: From 1<sup>st</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, our kids and students are also talking about the topic of Serving this week.**

## Connection Points

- Do you know anyone who reminds you of the little boy in John 6 who shared his meal and Jesus fed over 5000 people with it?
- When have you been that person to step up to serve even when it seemed you had little to offer?

## 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 John 6:1-13 to encourage us to *"Use What You Have to Serve Others."*

- Read the passage together as a Group.
- This account of Jesus Feeding the 5000 is a very familiar story, even to those who know little else about Jesus or the Bible.
  - In light of Jeff's Talk Notes and reading these verses just now, what did you notice in the passage that perhaps you haven't noticed before?
- Jeff said that to serve we need to "Realize God has given me what I have to serve others" and to "Identify what I have."
  - What has God given you that you can use to serve others?
  - How have you used it lately? How can you use it this week?
- What can sharing what you have do for you and your attitude?

## Digging Deeper

Read **John 13:1-17**

Jesus set aside what he deserved in order to serve His friends. We can serve our friends and family and the people we meet every day.

- What DID Jesus deserve?
- When have you set aside what you “deserved” in order to serve?
- Brainstorm some creative ways that you could serve others this week. Ask God to give each of you a heart and opportunity to serve others.

**Mark 9:35** “[Jesus] sat down, called the twelve disciples over to him, and said, “Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else.”

- The context for this verse is that Jesus’ disciples had just been arguing about which of them was the greatest. (Mark 9:33-35)
- Our culture values “the greatest” or “the best.”
  - Talk about how humility fits in with having a “servant’s heart.”
- What gets in the way of serving God with all you have?
- Agree or disagree with this statement: *It’s easy to share with and serve others if you have a lot.*

## Taking It Home

- Our Next Step challenge from the weekend Talk is: *“I will take action this week to use what I have to serve others.”*
- How do/will you take that action?

## Pray

- Pray for one another in your Group to embrace the attitude of the little boy of John 6 and be willing to share and serve.

## This Weekend:

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