



Life Groups Study Questions

Taking the Talk to Another Level

For the Week of February 24, 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.

Note: From 1st through 12th grade, our kids and students are also talking about the topic of Serving "In Secret" this week.

Connection Points

- What would happen if you never got credit for serving?
- Talk about a time when someone served you but you had no idea who they were nor did you get the chance to thank them.

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 Matthew 6:1-4 to challenge us to *"Serve Others Without Looking for Applause."*

- Read the passage together as a Group.
 - Summarize the passage in one sentence.
- What does Matthew 6:2 say about motivation?
 - When have you caught yourself serving with less than stellar motives? How did your "service" affect others?
 - How can you do, as Jeff said, "Guard the motive of your heart?"
- Jeff pointed to Matthew 6:3-4 to encourage us to, "Give in secret."
 - Discuss with the group some ideas for how you can give (or serve) "in secret." (You might want to break into groups of two or three and discuss it, then bring your "report" to the larger group.)
- Read Hebrews 13:16.
 - When have you sacrificed something in order to serve someone?

Digging Deeper

Read **Philippians 2:3-11**

- What attitude did Jesus have?
- When have you had to check your attitude regarding your motivation for serving?
- When do you feel most fulfilled in serving?
 - Does being recognized for the action have anything to do with your being fulfilled?

Colossians 3:23-24 ²³*Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.* ²⁴*Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ."*

- How does this perspective of work impact your view of serving?
- How do you live this out?
- How do you teach it to someone else?

Taking It Home

- Our Next Step challenge from the weekend Talk is: *"I will serve someone this week without expecting applause."*
 - How do/will you take that action?
 - Why do you think we enjoy applause so much?
 - Why is receiving applause and recognition a bad motive for doing something?

Pray

- Pray for one another in your Group to find ways to serve others, even if you don't get any recognition for your effort.

This Weekend:

- This weekend we start a new Talk Series, *"Canvas."* Jeff will actually be painting a picture on stage during the service! Come ready to learn and be challenged. And bring someone with you to Come and See!