



Life Groups Study Questions

Taking the Talk to Another Level

For the Week of March 17, 2019

Life Groups use these questions to 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 was your favorite toy when you were a kid? How important was that toy to you? To what lengths would you go to protect it?
- What does it seem that our culture values or even "worships"?

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

Dennis Thomas was our speaker this weekend. He is an active part of Alive Church and served with his wife, Judy, as a pastor, church planter, and missionary for many years. Dennis challenged us to consider the assertion that *"He is God. I am not."*

- Slowly read Exodus 3:7-15. Have fun pronouncing the "ites"!
 - List five things that stand out to you.
- What does God's name "I AM WHO I AM" mean to you? (v. 14)
- How do you feel when you hear "He is God. I am not."
 - If you feel comfortable enough, share a time when you got these reversed.
 - In general, what type of things happen when people get them reversed?
 - Tougher Question: Have you ever "built an idol" and robbed God of his glory?
 - How can we better reflect the glory of God to others?

Digging Deeper

Exodus 32:1-6

- Dennis talked about how long it took for Moses to go up the mountain, receive God's Ten Commandments, and then return to the Israelite people camped at the base of the mountain. Meanwhile the Israelites rebelled against God.

- It's easy to think "I would never do that!" But talk about how often we quickly forget Who God is and choose to go our own way (with apologies to Fleetwood Mac!).
- How do you guard against this? What can you proactively do to help?

Matthew 8:28-34

- Matthew 8 recounts four of Jesus' miracles, culminating with his healing of two demon-possessed men. But the reaction to that healing was interesting.
 - Wouldn't it seem like a good thing for the demon-possessed men to be healed?
 - Why would they want Jesus to leave their town?
 - How often do we reject Jesus, even after seeing Him work in our lives?

Taking It Home

- Our Next Step from the Talk is: *"I will make the mountains my reminder that He is God. I am not."*
- What practical activity would help you do this?

Pray

- Pray for one another in your Group to intentionally live out the Next Step.

This Weekend:

- American landscape artist Phil Starke is back as Pastor Jeff wraps up our *Canvas* series! You won't want to miss seeing how everything fits together in this final week. Come and see what God is doing on His amazing Canvas!