

**LIFE Group Discussion Questions- Being Friends with God March 12/13, 2016**

**GUIDELINES:** LIFE Group Discussion Questions are meant to be a tool used to help guide your time together. You may or may not fit all areas and questions into your time. Additional resources such as the LIFE Group Video Question can be found each week at: [www.crossroadschurch.com/Ministries](http://www.crossroadschurch.com/Ministries) under ‘LIFE Group Resources’.

**Enjoy your time and let God lead you!**

**KICKING IT OFF:** Would you rather be a fruit or vegetable? What movie can you quote most? How much of it can you quote?

**MEMORY VERSE***: “You are my friends if you do what I command you.” John 15:14*

**GROUP DISCUSSION:** *LIFE Group Video Question – Visit* [*www.crossroadschurch.com/ministries*](http://www.crossroadschurch.com/ministries) *under the LIFE Group Resources Tab to access the Video and Video Group Question.*

**GOING DEEPER:**

1. How do you make friends? Friendships may be made differently in different places- neighborhood, school, work, etc. Choose one or a few and give examples.
2. What does it take to be called a friend of God? What can you personally do to be a friend of His? Compare your relationship with Christ to the relationship you have with your “best friend” on earth.
3. What successful relationships have you had without trust? What is the importance of trust in any relationship? How is trust key in a friendship with God? Read James 2:23.
4. Read Psalm 103:11-13. For Non-Christians, east & west are simply directions. To those that know the Lord, what does hearing “as far as the East is from the west” mean? Think of the Cross and Christ’s outstretched arms.
5. Read Matthew 7:7-11 and re-read Psalm 103:13. What do these scriptures tell us of God, His compassion and His gifts? Share a story with your group of a time when these scriptures were fulfilled in your life.
6. Read Romans 4:13 and Romans 4:19-21
	1. What made Abraham righteous?
	2. If you were Abraham, and God shared with you that you were to be a father of many nations, would your initial reaction be to trust God and jump for joy in anticipation of the future or to laugh as Sarah did when she overheard? What does your reaction say about your trust in God’s ability?
7. With all of the above in mind, read John 15:13-15. Would you call yourself a friend of God? What would He say?

***Love Like Jesus Loves***

* Refer to question 5. Read Matthew 6:12 and Matthew 6:14. How is forgiving like Jesus, Loving like Jesus?

***Intentional Intimacy***

* From Day 26 of the 40 Day Experience Journal- What does Matthew 5:13-16 tell you about what Jesus wants you to be?

***Fully Surrendered***

* What has been your Isaac? If God were to ask you to sacrifice something you had waited so long for, would you be willing to? Why or why not?

 ***Experience More***

* Mark your calendar and make plans to come check out “Stations of the Cross.” The lobby will be open March 18th- March 24th from 9am to 9pm for viewing and communion. Bring your LIFE Group and invite guests!