

 **LIFE Group Discussion Questions for April 23/24, 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:** What do you plan to do with your tax refund?Did you use all of the sandbags you packed for El Nino this year?

**MEMORY VERSE***: “For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want.” Romans 7:19*

**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. Have you ever experienced a “twisting” of scripture? In what ways? How did it affect you?
2. How did the message Pastor Chuck shared this weekend impact you?
3. How do your daily battles become the greater war? What have been some of your greatest battles? Your “Goliath” of bad habits.
4. What impact, if any, did sin have in your life before you knew Jesus? Did you realize it had an impact then? Read Romans 7:5-13. What shifted your focus?
5. What does it take for a person who is steadfast in their way of living (such as Paul was with the Law) to truly experience a change of heart?
6. Studies show that even Christians struggle with this “inner battle” like the story Pastor Chuck shared of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. What does this battle look like in your life?
7. Read 1 John 4:4 and Romans 7:20. Compare and contrast the two scriptures. Who is responsible for your sin? Does this mean we should accept responsibility of our actions or use grace as a scapegoat? If we are to choose the latter, what does that do to the gift that Jesus has given us?

***Love Like Jesus Loves***

* Read 1 Corinthians 13:1 and 1 Peter 4:8. In Saul’s B.C. life, he was void of love and heavy on law. When have you been heavier on the law than you were of love? When left void of love, what fruit did that situation bare?

***Intentional Intimacy***

* Read 1 John 5:14-15 and Philippians 4:6. Are you bringing your requests and prayers continually before the Lord, occasionally, or is it more of a last resort habit for you? What can you do to make time with God a regular habit in your daily life?

***Fully Surrendered***

* Bad habits consume much of our time, talent, and often treasure. When we gain victory over these habits, what should we do with resources we have gained?

 ***Experience More***

* The Pantry is consistently feeding 100+ families a week. Each of these families receives meals because of gracious donations from our congregation. The need is great and the givers are few. Would you and your LIFE Group consider bringing items this week and periodically throughout the year. Here are a few of the items needed: Canned veggies, fruit, meat, etc., pasta/ noodles, rice, beans, soup, cereal, peanut butter, and mac n cheese. Donations can be dropped during weekend services in the blue bins or during office hours.