

 **LIFE Group Discussion Questions for June 4/5, 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:** If you could have an endless supply of any food, what would you pick? If you were a talk show host, who would be your first guest?

**MEMORY VERSE***: “ God is fair and just; He corrects the misdirected, sends them in the right direction.” Psalm 25:8 (MSG)*

**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. If you were God, how would you have chosen to bring people into a relationship with you? Would your way be considered loving? What would your method be for proclaiming the Gospel to all the nations?
2. Read Romans 10:9-10. What settings or situations in your life make it more difficult than others for you to profess your faith? What happens when you choose to share your faith with others?
3. Why did God choose to give us freewill? Keep in mind, He knew all of the decisions each of us would make.
4. Read Matthew 10:22 and Matthew 10:32-33. This weekend Pastor Chuck shared with us how public declarations of faith cost people everything in the Roman times. How is the same true of our society today? Share ways personally, locally, and globally, where you have seen someone pay the price for their stand? How can we prepare ourselves for the next wave of persecution to hit our nation?
5. Read Matthew 7:13-14. Do you believe the gate to be too narrow? Compare the standard of rules and regulations required of Christianity with other religions (use Google or other resources if needed). Is Christianity too difficult or too simple in comparison with them?
6. We see various situations in the Bible in which God chooses one person over another. Look at the stories of Isaac and Ishmael as well as Jacob and Esau. Why did He make the choices He did? Read Romans 9:6-8. What do we need to have to be the one’s He chooses? And what characteristic do we need to be mindful of avoiding so that we are not left out?

***Love Like Jesus Loves***

* Reach out (call, meet up with or send and encouraging text) to someone you haven’t spoken with lately.

***Intentional Intimacy***

* Last week we asked you to consider the ways in which you spend all of the hours in your week. How much of your time are you spending alone with God? If this is an area you struggle with, start today by spending 5 minutes alone with Him or start reading the Bible in the book of Mark- one chapter a day.

***Fully Surrendered***

* Read Romans 9:19-21 and 2 Peter 3:9. After reading these two scriptures are you allowing the Potter to shape you? How could you be more accepting of His moldings?

 ***Experience More***

* Considering your answer to question 1 about sharing the Good News. This week, step out and do something to share the Gospel with others by your preferred means. When you gather together next week, share about your experience with your group.