

 **LIFE Group Discussion Questions for August 20/21, 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 was the highlight of your summer vacation? Are you happy to see summer break coming to an end?

**MEMORY VERSE***: “Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.” Colossians 4:6* (NASB)

**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. What impacted you most from the message this weekend? Why do you think it had such an impact on you?
2. What knowledge did you have of the religions listed below prior to this weekend? Did that change after hearing the message? If so, how?
	1. Mormonism
	2. Jehovah’s Witness
	3. Buddhism
3. Which do you find more challenging- sharing your faith with someone who you don’t know their religious background or with someone who you know is religious but is of another faith? Why do you find that to be more difficult?
4. What are the four points given to us during this weekend’s sermon of how you can effectively share your faith?
5. What should we pray for those who are of a different faith? Read Acts 26:18 and 2 Corinthians 4:3-4.
6. “No one cares how much you know until they know how much you care.” How can you show that you care and truly build relationships with people of another faith? Read 1 Thessalonians 2:3-8.
7. Why do we ask others questions about their religion? Read Colossians 4:5-6.
8. How do you respond when someone asks you about your faith? Read 1 Peter 3:15. Does this mean we should be defensive and argumentative to “win”?
9. This weekend during the message, we were given a guide for dialogue to use when building a relationship with those of a different religion and to help effectively share our faith. What are the three sentence starters Pastor Chuck shared?

***Love Like Jesus Loves***

* How does expanding your knowledge of other religions help you to love others like Jesus?

***Intentional Intimacy***

* Does your prayer life reflect your “I’ll pray for you” statements? Spend time this week intentionally praying for each person you say “praying for you” to.

***Fully Surrendered***

* If we showed the dedication that other religions do to reaching the lost by truly surrendering our time, what would our week look like? Share with your group how your calendar would change.

 ***Experience More***

* When you step out in faith and share the Good News, you are often putting yourself in the midst of a battle. What battle do you enter? How have you found yourself in such a battle when stepping out in faith?