

 **LIFE Group Discussion Questions for November 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:** Are you a fan of time change? Did your group participate in Operation Christmas Child? (If not, it’s not too late. The final day to turn in shoe boxes is November 21st!)

**MEMORY VERSE***: “*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” Philippians 4:6

**GROUP DISCUSSION:** *LIFE Group Video Question – There will be no video this week.*

**GOING DEEPER:**

1. What does “rejoice” mean to you personally? Why should we rejoice? When does Paul instruct us to rejoice? Read Philippians 1:27, Philippians 2:14-15 and Matthew 5:14-16.
2. Pastor Craig shared important points with us this weekend on how we can find joy in the midst of chaos. What were they? Read Colossians 3:22-25, Philippians 2:3-5 and Philippians 4:6. Who in the Bible do you look to as an example of someone who turned chaos to joy?
3. Read Philippians 2:1-5. How does Paul tell us to make joy complete? Reread the scripture listing the different steps.
4. When was the last time you turned your cares to prayer? Read Philippians 4:6-7. What does the Bible say we should do with our cares? Do you struggle with harboring your cares and turning them into worry or anxiety rather than laying them at the feet of the Abba Father? How/ what can you do to change that?
5. What compels you to release your worry? Are you motivated by scientific research/ doctors’ orders or by scripture? Does your motivation impact your sense of peace and joy in the midst of chaos? \*Keep in mind which of the two is ever changing and which is unchanged.\*

***Love Like Jesus Loves***

* Philippians 4:5-6 tell us to have a “gentle spirit.” Read the scripture together with your group and discuss who we are to have a gentle spirit towards. Why are we called to be gentle? Share with your group ways that you have been gentle to others. Be intentional this week to have a gentle spirit, being fair and mild to someone who publically voices a different political view than your own. \*Remember\* no matter who has won the election, Christ is still on the thrown!

***Intentional Intimacy & Fully Surrendered***

 Suggestion: Spend time going around with your group doing the A.C.T.S. prayer. Leaders open your group in prayer on each section of the prayer and allow your group members to join in.

* The A.C.T.S. prayer is composed of many parts: Acknowledgment of who the Lord is and the truths we know of Him. Confession (this week we recommend using this time to cast your worries on Him. Lay your burdens at His feet). Thanksgiving of all that He has given you from small to large blessings. Supplication in which we humbly and fervently make your desires known to Him.

 ***Experience More***

* Read Philippians 2:3-5. Having an “others first” mindset often allows us to experience things and see the world through a lense we wouldn’t be able to with a focus solely on ourselves. How many of you have heard someone say “by blessings them, I was blessed myself!”? This week spend time seeking out opportunities to serve those around you before yourself. When your group meets together next week, share with them how the experience impacted you.