

CONNECT GROUP QUESTIONS Numbers of Lessons

INTRO: Sunday's teaching emphasized 7 lessons from *Numbers* that speak to pursuing God with diligent faith. Which lesson most resonated with you?

Begin with Your HEART

There are many ways to understand what it means to "walk through this life" with a faith in God. Many individual Christian books describe being a disciple differently. Our Christ Community Church family uses 6 key LIFE QUESTIONS:

1. *Is the Spirit flowing through me?* [John 7:37-39] – spirit dependent life
2. *Does God make my day?* [Mark 1:35] – meeting with God daily
3. *Who shares my tough stuff?* [Romans 12:10] – sharing life's challenges
4. *How worn is my welcome mat?* [Luke 19:10] – seeking to share Christ
5. *With whom am I fishing?* [Matthew 4:19] – doing ministry together
6. *How are my investments doing?* [Ephesians 5:15-16] – investing in eternity

Have you found these questions helpful on your faith walk? In what ways? With what question are you looking to improve?

In the WORD

Today's "lessons" teaching from *Numbers* highlight what pursuing God with diligent faith might look like in each of our daily lives. Discuss the questions below--each LIFE QUESTION below is connected with a *Numbers* lesson. Do as many as you have time for in your Connect Group study time...and sharpen each other.

7 Lessons from **NUMBERS**

By FAITH we LIVE UNIQUELY

Discuss...

What is UNIQUE about us as we live out the *Life Questions*?

By FAITH we EXPERIENCE GOD'S PRESENCE

When "God makes your day," do you have a greater awareness of God's presence throughout the day?

By FAITH we are REFINED BY HOLINESS

He's called the "Holy Spirit." As He flows through you, what is becoming more "holy" in your living?

By FAITH we TRUST despite the odds

With a partner, are you trusting God for ministry opportunity?

By FAITH we understand FORFEITURE

What's your "invest-in-eternity" plan right now? Are you confident in God's "well done" at the finish line?

By FAITH we RECOVER from failure

In the tough stuff, are you being helped? Helping anyone else?

By FAITH we highlight what shows the GOSPEL

What simple illustration from Scripture helps you share the Gospel with someone else [ex. "the lifted bronze snake"]?

My LIFE - our MISSION

In some ways, this final set of lessons from *NUMBERS* prepares us for our Fall 2017 GATHER teaching series, *Intentional: What Jesus can do through Purposeful Disciples*. This series begins next Sunday [August 27].

Dare to see your life as an expression of God's mission in the world. You are UNIQUE because you're a child of God [Hebrews 2:10-13] and a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ. You have the very PRESENCE of God in you [Holy Spirit] and willing to lead you [cf. Romans 8:14]. You are called to BE HOLY as I [God] AM HOLY. The Lord asks you to TRUST Him when others doubt. Your endurance in Jesus has great reward [Hebrews 10:35-36], keeping you from FORFEITING what God has ahead. We have God's RECOVERING grace when we fail [Hebrews 4:16]. The GOSPEL is ours through the atoning sacrifice of Christ [Hebrews 10:12].

Pray for each other!!!