



Message by Pastor Jeff 4-30-17

Message Based Questions to help your personal Study & LifeGroup Discussions



CONNECTING: *Connecting to one another with a warm up question or through worship.*

Other than God—Who has been the most committed and best coach you have ever known in your life? Why? What is it that makes that person life different?



EXPLORING IT: *Review the sermon outline and explore the message by using the following Q's which will help you dig in a little deeper and make sure you get the message.*

*The mission of the church is to transform the world through the life-changing message of Jesus for the glory of God.
By loving God, loving God's people and then loving the world.*

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The “Principle of the Path” says that your “Direction—Not Intention—Determines Our Destination.” What examples can we learn from Jesus while he lived out His time on earth that illustrate this principle?

What did Jesus teach us about saying “YES” and about surrendering?

What does Philippians 2:6-7 teach us about how Jesus Surrendered?

What does trusting God and leaning not on your own understanding mean? What does this look like practically?

How are you doing with acknowledging Him day to day? What are the biggest barriers that are keeping you from making a total commitment and saying “yes” to God?

What do you believe is the best way to overcome the world?

What is the best way to renew and transform your mind?

What's the biggest hindrance to you spending time in the Word on a regular basis?

What step will you commit to taking in order to get to know God's book and to intentionally spend time talking to God?

What's the closest friendship you have ever had and what made that friendship so special?

What characteristics would you use to define authentic biblical community?


Why is seeking counsel so important?

How has someone helped you make it through a difficult time? In what ways did they help you?

What are the biggest barriers keeping you from experiencing deeper relationships?

What are some strategic questions that you have come to know and love in your life?

How can we specifically pray for you today?

 **PRAY IT:** *Now that you have connected, explored and applied it—it is now time to tap into the power of prayer individually throughout the week as well as corporately praying for one another. Perhaps by sharing the real life challenges and blessings with one another this will help people see what God can do in their lives and will lead them into a plan of action.*

Back in Junior High School, I had a great coach that was actually one of my science teachers. I did not love science and I was struggling. Thankfully even though this coach loved science and I did not he and I shared the love of the greatest sport on earth, Hockey. This kinship and shared passion connected us to one another and he cared enough to try and get me engaged with a subject that he loved. So his suggestion was as I went through the studies and reading material to ask tons of questions and try and find the answers. This coach will be the one I will credit with encouraging me to ask questions and ever since that is how I started to love learning and likely the reason why it comes naturally for me to come up with questions as I study. My admiration of this coach helped me to even enjoy a subject like science

What are some strategic questions that you have come to know and love in your life?

Here are some that I recently came up with a friend this past week as we met and studied together in regard to decision making as we discussed the principle of the path:

1. Does God have a clear teaching about this?
2. What do my “Coaches” and spiritual advisors/mentors say about it?
 - a. Authority Figures:
 - i. If related to career—What does my authority figure say about it?
 - ii. In our family with our kids—I always like to ask what do you think Grandma would say?
3. How will this affect the following:
 - a. Me Spiritually?
 - b. My Family?Will it draw me/us closer to God or further?
4. Is this going to bring more peace and joy or less peace and joy?
 - a. Do I hear God in this?
5. What risks come along with this? Am I willing to go for it even if it's hard?
6. Are the doors opening/closing?
7. Is now the best time for this?

Keep Pressing On!

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