




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.*

*When do you think is the secret of enjoying life? Why?*

 **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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When has your life been going one way and then something happened to make it change course?

When a detour happens to you—how do you generally react to it?

Have you experienced any of the reasons why detours happen that Pastor Jeff taught about? How did the detour affect you at the time?

Have you had a detour in life that was a direct result of a choice? What happened?

Have you ever been disciplined by God? What happened?

When was the last time the evil one tried to misdirect you? How did you respond?

What thoughts or ideas – help us to survive our detours – what helps us to handle our detours well?

Do you ever take into consideration the purpose of a detour? Does that influence how you respond or react to the detour?

Have you ever experienced a spiritual detour that in some way hindered your growth as a believer? What happened? What enticed you? What was the appeal?

Have you ever tried to refuse to take a detour? What happened as a result?

When you have been on a detour, what are some important lessons you learned along the way?

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.*

Positive Interruptions by Tony Evans

*When we get in our cars, we do so with a destination in mind. We plan to go somewhere. We typically know how we plan to get there, which highway we are going to take—even which streets we are going to turn onto in order to arrive at our destination.*

*And if we don't, we at least type in the destination address into our smartphone app and rely on an automated voice to guide us every step of the way.*

*Whether we are following our own mental map or the one in our phone, sometimes we run into a detour—some closed end that requires us to make a U-turn or go down a path we had not previously expected.*

*I don't know about you, but I like to get to where I am going without any detours. When I take a long road trip with the family, I won't even stop for normal things like food and bathroom breaks, unless my family insists, so you can imagine how I feel about a detour. It's not good. I sigh. I moan. I wonder why on earth did this have to happen to me right now.*

*Have you ever done something similar? You can admit it, too.*

*Few of us like to be stalled for any reason, even if it's just someone cutting us off in traffic and forcing us to slow down. But detours are necessary if any improvement is going to be made on the paths we travel or if any wreck is going to be cleaned up or hazard avoided. Detours are designed for our own good, regardless of how we view or feel about them.*

*They are a good thing that often feels bad.*

*Divinely designed detours in our lives are also positive interruptions designed to divert us to a better path so that we might have the opportunity to reach our destination well. What's more, they often provide the development we need in order to reach our destiny. How we view our detours will often determine how useful they wind up being, which is why we are going to spend the next few weeks examining the purpose, power, and perfection of the detours God both uses and allows in our lives.*

*Keep Pressing On!*

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