



Weekly Group Questions & Practices

*The following questions and practices are provided as a menu for you to select from; unless your group loves truly lengthy discussions, please don't try to do everything here! **Choose the questions and activities that best suit your group and timeframe.***

Date: **February 28, 2021**
Sermon: **Love Will Keep Us Together.**
Passage: **1 Peter 4:1-11**

Discuss:

1. Describe a tough time in your life and identify how your character developed through that experience.
2. "People who are getting drunk and sleeping around are having all the fun!" Agree or disagree with that statement and explain your answer.
3. We're told to "*be of sober mind*" so we can (1) pray; (2) love each other; and (3) practice hospitality. Explain how one of those assignments looks in your life these days.
4. What's the spiritual gift that you have been given for serving others? If you don't know, perhaps your group can offer insight. Is that gift in full-flight, on the runway, or grounded these days?
5. Talk about your dream church. What ingredients would be present in a Good and Beautiful Community that has Jesus at the centre?

Deeper Dive:

These questions are intended to help you extend the conversation to other, related parts of Scripture.

1. "What doesn't kill you will make you stronger!" Discuss whether that is God's intent with suffering.
2. Recall stories in the Bible where people went through suffering, perhaps even extreme suffering. As you recall and research those stories note if either of the two things happened that Peter talks about: (1) opportunity to witness to the hope they had in God or (2) Christ-like character was formed.

Soul Training: Memorize Scripture

We continue our challenge to memorize a chunk of scripture. Below are some suggestions:

Psalm 34:17-18 (or any other 2-3 verses of your choice)

Psalm 23

Isaiah 53