



LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week of April 2 | **Matthew 22:1-17** | Palm Sunday: Jesus is King of Kings

Week of April 9 | **Matthew 27:62-28:20** | Easter Sunday

Week of April 16 | **2 John**

Week of April 23 | **3 John**

Week of April 30 | **Jude 1-16**

ICE BREAKER | 5 minutes

A time for everyone to introduce themselves (name, home-town) and answer an ice-breaker question ([resource](#)... use with discretion). Purpose: get everyone talking, make connections.

WHAT'S HAPPENING | 1 minute

Here are important events taking place this month that we should be aware of and praying over.

- Ongoing Life Group gatherings | **weekly**
- Good Friday Service, New City East Lake | **April 7, 6 pm**
- Secret Church: Jonah | **April 21, 6:45 pm-1 am**
- Hill City Neighborhood Association | Trash clean-up in neighborhood; Spears Road Trailhead, 12 pm, **April 23**
- For God to provide for our financial needs as a church (\$19,000/month)
- For a growing burden to connect with our neighbors in Hill City, and discernment on how best to do so as we seek to proclaim gospel facts adorned by gospel-shaped acts.

VISION & PRAYER | 2 minutes

"A Life Group gathering has an intentional structure that is distinctly Christian. We gather to share food, engage the Scriptures, talk about the real state of our hearts, and pray together, as an extension of our local church. These deliberate practices help us to grow deeper in the gospel together."

Let's remind each other of the **two ground rules** that make for a good discussion:

1. **Be Earnest.** We're here to encounter **God**. Let's not be satisfied with trite conversation.
2. **Be Honest.** In the words of John Wesley: "[May] everyone speak as freely, plainly and concisely as he can the real state of his heart, with his many temptations and deliverances, since the last time of meeting."

Opening Prayer: Someone opens us in prayer, asking God to pour out His Spirit on us.

BIBLE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS | 30 minutes

Read the passage for the week out loud (see top-right corner), then use the following questions to guide your discussion.

1. **Observe:** What do you *SEE* in the text? Talk about the words, phrases, & ideas that stand out.
2. **Interpret:** What does this passage teach about **God**, about the **world**, or about **us**?

3. **Apply:** How does this word from the Lord connect to what's going on in your soul right now?
4. **Repent:** How does this text show us our need for repentance? What lies about **God, others, or yourself** has the Spirit uncovered? What **false gods or false hopes** has he revealed to you?
5. **Believe:** How does this text invite us to renew our trust & hope in Christ?

PRAYER | 20 minutes

Conclude your gathering by devoting yourselves to prayer. **For the month of April, consider using the Lord's prayer as a guide.** Recite the Lord's Prayer together, then read the first phrase out loud followed by space for the group to respond to, or build on, that phrase in prayer; how do you want God to hallow his name? What do you need or think you need for this week? Ask him. Then the leader or the groups reads next phrase and repeats the process.

Our Father in heaven,

Hallowed be your name;

Your kingdom come;

Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.