



Discovery Questions

“Status for All” - 1 Cor. 11:2-16

Instructions: A life group is a spiritual family. It is a time of mutual discussion, invitation, and growth together alongside the Holy Spirit. It's good to begin with prayer and 1-2 ice breaker questions to prime the pump and get to know one another. Then, after reading the Scriptures, **pick the questions that are of most interest to your group**. Make sure to conclude with a couple of application questions to live out our mission together. Finish with some time to care for one another and pray together.

Opening Question (pick 1-2 questions)

1. How does status (financial, race, gender, job, etc.) affect someone's influence or position in a church? Explain.
2. What is a challenge you are facing right now?
3. What is one thought or idea from Sunday's message that especially intrigued, provoked, disturbed, challenged, encouraged, warmed, warned, helped, or surprised you?

Read and discuss 1 Corinthians 11:2-16

1. Have someone summarize this passage in their own words.
2. What stands out in this passage?
3. In the first century, women were considered men's property. How does Paul lift up women by comparing their relationship with men to the relationship Jesus has with the Father?
4. Pastor Don shared that he believes the best understanding of vs.4-10 is that Paul is restating the Corinthian's misunderstanding about women. Others believe Paul is giving the church a new law. What do you think?
5. Read verses 7-8 (the Corinthian view) and then read verses 11-12 (Paul's view). How does Paul begin to clear up their misunderstanding about the relationship between men and women?
6. What do you learn about God in this passage?
7. What do you learn about people in this passage?

Application

1. How can you specifically live out this passage in the next few days? (Have each person create an 'I Will...' statement)
2. How can you bless someone else as a result of this Scripture and discussion?
3. How can our group bless someone in response to this Scripture and discussion?
4. Would your group be willing to serve together on a Sunday morning as Greeters, at the Welcome Desk, or making coffee? Please let us know at info@avalonchurch.org.

Pray Together