



Discussion Questions

Confirmation

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.

Ice Breaker Question (pick 1-2 questions)

1. Has your overall experience with "the church" been good, bad, or both? 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 Acts 9:20-28

1. Have someone summarize this passage in their own words.
2. What is the significance of Paul's finally being accepted by the church in Jerusalem? How did it impact Paul's future? How did it impact the church's future?
3. Has there been a Barnabas in your life? In other words, is there someone who has affirmed you, accepted you, and stood up for you when it could have cost them?

Read and discuss 2 Corinthians 1:21-22

1. What does this passage say God does for those who stand firm in Christ? How would you describe this in your own words?
2. What do you learn about God in the above passages?
3. What do you learn about people in these passages?
4. "Confirmation" is the recognition by the church-family that the Holy Spirit is present and working in a person's life. How *does* the church and *should* the church recognize and affirm the Holy Spirit's presence and work in the lives of his people?

Application

1. How can you specifically live out this passage in the next few days? (Have each person create an 'I Will...' statement)
2. Are you making use of the Lenten Prayer Guide (avalonchurch.org/bulletin)? What is God saying to you through your time with him?
3. How can you bless someone else as a result of this Scripture and discussion?
4. How can our group bless someone in response to this Scripture and discussion?

Pray Together