

## **Life Group Questions**

### *The Gift of Connection*

Instructions: A life group is like family. It is a time of growing in Jesus together, caring for each other, and living out Jesus' mission together. It's good to begin with prayer and the CONNECT questions to get to know one another and focus. Then read the Scriptures and discuss the questions. Make sure to conclude with an "I will" statement to apply the passage. Finish with a time of prayer together.

#### **CONNECT Questions**

1. What is a favorite gift you have received? Explain.
2. If you could give one gift to your children, what would it be?
3. Is there a thought or idea from Sunday's message that especially intrigued, provoked, disturbed, challenged, encouraged, or surprised you?
4. Share something you are thankful for or a challenge you are facing right now.
5. Are there any stories that resulted from last week's discussion about forgiveness?

#### **READ Luke 1:26-35**

1. Have someone retell the passage in their own words.
2. What stands out to you?
3. What do you learn about God in this passage? (his character, his ways, etc.)
4. What do you learn about people in this passage? (yourself, others)
5. Jesus is "God with us." In your opinion, how has Jesus impacted the world? How has he impacted your world?
6. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-20.
  - a. What does it mean to be reconciled to God? What does that look like in your life?
  - b. What does it mean to be ambassadors of reconciliation?
  - c. Jesus says that love is the mark of maturity in him (John 13:34-35). What specific ways can you love your family, friends, and neighbors during this Christmas season?

#### **LIVE IT OUT**

1. How we can we offer relational connection in the next few days? (Create an "I will" statement)

#### **PRAY**

