

Character Conversation Questions

These questions are asked of one another in a weekly meeting of accountability. Proverbs 27:17 say ***“As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.”***

These questions stimulate conversations of character in a safe environment which values honesty, vulnerability, confidentiality and grace.

What is the condition of your soul?

How have you sensed God’s presence or seen any answered prayer this week?

What is the Holy Spirit doing in your life or prompting you to this week? What are you doing about it?

Do you have a need to confess anything?

- Consider your words
- Consider your thoughts
- Consider what you have not done
- Consider your relationships
- Consider your sexual life
- Consider desire for money, status, stuff
- Consider your finances and property

How have you shown Jesus to others this week?

What did you hear in your Bible reading?

“Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed.” - James 5:16

Outward Prayer Focus

To keep our prayer ‘outward focused’ each member of the group chooses two or three people (who don’t yet know Jesus) to pray for.

Write the names here and keep this in your Bible so that you are reminded to pray for them.

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If you are not sure where to start here are some things you could pray for these people...

1. *I pray Lord, that you draw to yourself (Jn 6:44).*
2. *I pray that will seek to know you (Acts 17:27).*
3. *I pray that will hear and believe. (1 Thess 2:13)*
4. *I ask you to prevent Satan from blinding (2 Corinthians 4:4; 2 Timothy2:25-26).*
5. *I ask you to send someone to share the gospel or give me opportunity to share it with them (Matt 9:37)*
6. *Lord, I pray that ... will turn from their sin. (Acts 17:30-31; Thess 1:9-10).*
7. *Lord, I pray that ... would their trust in Christ (John 1:12; 5:24).*

Scripture Reading

God’s word is the seed which produces growth in faith. The group chooses a book or portion of a book from the Scriptures to study during the week. The group members *repeat* the same reading challenge until *each* one has finished it all, in the *same* week. It is not a ‘failure’ when you have not finished the reading! The amount of Scripture should be challenging enough that it takes 3-4 weeks for the group to move on to a new book or portion of Scripture. This allows members to soak in the word of God.

Suggested amounts of Scripture: at least 3-4 chapters per day. Example: twice through the Gospel of Mark in a week, or four times through 1 Peter in a week.

AGREED READING TARGET:

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Life Transformation Groups

A Life Transformation Group (often called an LTG) is made up of two or three people, all of the same gender, who meet weekly for personal accountability for their spiritual growth and development. LTG members encourage and support one another in obeying what they hear from God. They can also support each other in prayer and be intentional in praying for loved ones and friends to come to faith. Meeting weekly is vital. Meeting less often and the group loses effectiveness. Any less cheats the other members of your group and weakens the process.

A Life transformation Group requires no program or special training, and doesn't need a leader.

Its members mainly do three things:

- 1. Keep each other 'on track' to follow Jesus.*
- 2. Read the Bible.*
- 3. Pray (especially for people needing Christ).*

Keeping Each Other 'On Track'.

This happens through asking each other a series of accountability questions in a weekly meeting that values honesty, confidentiality, and integrity (Proverbs 27:17, James 5:16, Galatians 6:1-5). Because it is easy to lose time talking about other things, the meetings start with the **Character Conversation Questions** (see back page). Each person is given time to answer a question before moving on to the next question. The others listen and avoid trying to "fix it".

If people confess sin, we then speak forgiveness (with a Bible verse, and/or simple words like 'Name, God forgives your sin for Jesus' sake') and encourage them!

Reading Scripture.

The power of an LTG is in the unleashing of God's word in the lives of people as they commit to read Scripture together each week. Do not skimp in this area. Challenge yourself in the amount of scripture you commit to reading each week: 14-20 chapters is a good goal. Find out what works for your group but try to stretch! Each week your group picks a book of the Bible to read. For larger books you may decide to do half the book in a week. For small books, re-read the book several times throughout the week (e.g. read Ephesians three times this week). The goal of the reading is not intense study; it is to *hear from God, trust him, and do what he says*. This is the definition of faith. If any one person was unable to finish the reading that week then the

whole group does the same reading again the next week until all read the entire amount agreed upon in the same week. *This is not a bad thing*, and not a 'failure,' as reading entire books of the bible in repetition will yield rich rewards!

Prayer.

People who desperately need Jesus are prayed for. Each member of the group identifies two or three people in their sphere of influence who need Jesus. These people are prayed for throughout the week. Those who begin to seek Christ become candidates for new Life Transformation Groups. Multiplication of the group can occur naturally and spontaneously – and in a way that the whole group can celebrate together.