



## LIFE GROUPS DISCUSSION GUIDE

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU...

WEEK OF MAY 22, 2022

#### Sharing Over the Table...

- *Share... food, fellowship, and the "passing of the peace!" (Hugs, people! 😊)*
- *Share... your HIGH and LOW points this past week.*
- *Share... your favorite vocational and/or life title.*

#### Getting Focused...

- **Central Theme:** *Be the Victor*
- **Key Verses:**
  - *"Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever!" (Revelation 1:17, 18)*
  - *For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily... (Colossians 2:9)*
  - *But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom."*
- **Icebreaker:** What are some of your nicknames and how did you get them?

### GROUP DISCUSSION & APPLICATION

#### JESUS: THE ULTIMATE VICTOR!

- If someone were to ask, "Who do *you* say that Jesus is?" what would be your short answer? What was Peter's answer? (Matthew 16:15-17) Who has Jesus been to you so far in your life?
- Scripture gives many titles to Jesus, including *Prophet, Priest, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, The Christ (Messiah), Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Prince of Peace, Suffering Servant, Son of God, Son of Man, Redeemer, Master (Teacher), Great Physician, King of the Jews, Faithful and True, and I AM!* Surely we missed a few. 😊 Is there one of these that is new to you? What is the importance of a name? Which of the names of Jesus do you connect with most?



- The example, works, and teachings of Jesus were truly shocking and revolutionary to that culture, and to ours! What do you find to be the most surprising, compelling, or radical?
- What have we done over the past 2,000 years that presents Jesus as less than amazing? How have we done Him justice? How have we badly missed the mark?
- In what ways *was* and *is* Jesus, “The Ultimate Victor?”

## GROUP RESPONSE & PRAYER

- How can we specifically be praying for you?
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal Jesus to your friends and family who aren’t yet following Him.
- Pray for our Horizon faith community that we will present Jesus as He really is, and not how He is often perceived by the world.

## PERSONAL RESPONSE & REFLECTION THIS WEEK

- MEDITATION: It has been said, “The gospel (good news) is not a plan, a book or a place. The gospel is a *person*. That person is Jesus.” How does that change your thinking about how we understand and present the good news to our world? What does presenting a *person* and not a message, church or religion do to your motivation to share the good news in *your* world?
- MY CALLING: Scripture is clear that the Holy Spirit must both *reveal* and *draw* people to Jesus. That is not our assignment. So what *is* our assignment? How can we make ourselves more available for the Holy Spirit to use us?
- DIGGING EVEN DEEPER: One of the best ways to understand Scripture is to see it as “dual spotlights” (the Old and New Testaments) that point ahead and back directly to the person and works of Jesus. What verses come to mind in the Old Testament that point ahead to Jesus? What verses in the New Testament (beyond the gospel accounts) can you think of that point back to Him?