



LIFE GROUPS DISCUSSION GUIDE

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

WEEK OF JANUARY 29, 2023

Sharing Over the Table...

- *Share...your favorite story/experience from 2022.*
- *Share...one resolution you are committed to for 2023. Or...*
- *Share...why you don't believe in New Year's resolutions. ☺*

Getting Focused...

- **Central Theme:** *Kingdom Builders*
- **Key Verse(s):**
 - *"What you should want most is God's Kingdom and doing His will." (Matthew 7)*
- **Icebreaker:** What have you "built" (accomplished) that you are most proud of?

GROUP DISCUSSION & APPLICATION

BEING KINGDOM BUILDERS

- What stands out from this week's message by Rob Ketterling and/or last week's (Sujo John) message?
- Sujo shared that there are certain *things you have seen that you can't unsee*. Can you think of an example from your own experience? How did it affect you? How did you change?

- Sex Trafficking is a significant and growing crisis both at home and abroad. We've been introduced to, and are supporting, the incredible rescue ministries in Cambodia, India and beyond. Is there something we can do at home in this area that you're familiar with or involved in? How can we balance our efforts between the needs and opportunities overseas with those on the home front?
- When we open the doors of our heart, we can easily get overwhelmed with the "avalanche of needs" in our world and all around us. Did you have these feelings as Sujo, Richelle and Rob shared with us? Did you feel more of a "fight" or a "flight" response to what was shared? Were you more encouraged by what you heard, or discouraged?
- What are we going to do in response to this year's Kingdom Builders challenges as a Life Group? How can we work together in a specific way to meet a need?

GROUP RESPONSE & PRAYER

- Pray that God will lead your group to minister in a tangible way together this season.
- How can our group believe Jesus with you in prayer this week?
- How can our group partner with the calling you believe Jesus has for you right now?

PERSONAL REFLECTION & RESPONSE THIS WEEK:

- **MY CALLING TO ONE:** Every year during our Kingdom Builders emphasis we are challenged to pray, give and go for the sake of God's Kingdom. Yet, God is calling us beyond just a pledge to *ongoing commitment* to His call on our life and our lives together. How will I commit this year beyond my giving?
- **FURTHER MEDITATION:** Scripture says, "*To him whom much has been given, much will be expected.*" How have you intentionally sought to respond to this? Is there something you believe God is leading you towards that you haven't responded to yet? Is there a step you can take this week? Today?
- **DIGGING EVEN DEEPER:** Read Jesus's *Sermon on the Mount* in *Matthew 5-7*. Do you see anything regarding God's *Kingdom* and calling that you haven't noticed before? What section is most encouraging to you? What section is most challenging to you?