

SMALL GROUP/FAMILY/LIFE CHANGE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

GUIDELINES: During the Believe series, we are using the Believe Study Guide which can be found at: http://www.leducfellowship.ca/ministries/believe. As you share life together, we encourage you to apply what you are learning in the Believe series to Love, develop Intentional Intimacy with God, fully surrender and experience more life. Enjoy your time and let God lead you!

KICKING IT OFF: 1. What's the best job you've ever had? And the worst? 2. Sing a few lines of your favorite song (aka the extrovert test).

KEY IDEA: I believe the church is God's primary way to accomplish His purposes on earth today.

MEMORY VERSE: Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of Him who is the head, that is, Christ. From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work (Ephesians 4:15–16).

GROUP DISCUSSION: What do you love most about Leduc Fellowship?

What do you think is the difference between going to church and being part of a church? Read Acts 2:42-47 and discuss how each statement fits Leduc Fellowship. As a group, discuss your thoughts and feelings about the following declarations. Which statements are easy to declare with certainty? Which are more challenging, and why?

- I believe God gives spiritual gifts to every Christian for service to the church and the community.
- I believe that I cannot grow as a Christian unless I am an active member of a local church.
- I believe the community of true believers is Christ's body on earth.
- I believe the purpose of the church is to share the gospel and nurture Christians to maturity in Christ.

Your Group leader will choose 2–3 questions that will lead to the best discussion about this week's Key Idea.

- 1. Describe specific ways that your local church has helped you grow in spiritual maturity.
- 2. If it is unhealthy to live life in isolation, why do so many people choose to live that way?
- 3. Many people seek to find purpose and community outside of the church. In what ways could this harm the church community and hamper an individual's growth?

Read Genesis 12:1–3 together and choose 1–2 questions that will lead to the greatest discussion in your group.

- 1. God's covenant promise to Abraham and his descendants was to bless them. In turn, they would be a blessing to the world. In what specific ways are these promises displayed in your church and/or group today?
- 2. Brainstorm some simple ways that you, your family, your group, and your church can be a blessing to the world. 3. Discuss the ways you have seen God's blessing on your life

LIFE Question – Reflect on when you were involved and engaged with your church community, and times when you were not. How would you describe your spiritual growth during these different times? Share how being a part of a group has helped to deepen your faith.