

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. Where did you grow up? Was it a big town or a small town?

2. When did you last climb a tree?

KEY IDEA: I believe God is involved in and cares about my daily life.

MEMORY VERSE: I lift my eyes to the mountains – where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. – Psalm 121:1-2

GROUP DISCUSSION: 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 has a purpose for my life.
- I believe pain and suffering can often bring me closer to God.
- I believe God is actively involved in my life.
- I believe God enables me to do things I could not or would not otherwise do

Based on your group's dynamics and spiritual maturity, choose the 2–3 questions that will lead to the best discussion about this week's Key Idea.

- 1. Have you ever asked yourself, "Does God care about me?" If so, what experience or thought helped formulate your answer?
- 2. Describe the specific ways you experience God in your daily life.
- 3. What activities or disciplines heighten your awareness of God's activity in your life?

Read Psalm 23 together and choose 1–2 questions that will lead to the greatest discussion in your group.

- 1. Psalm 23 describes God as a good shepherd who leads, guides, refreshes, comforts, prepares, and anoints his sheep. Which action best describes your interactions with Him?
- 2. How does freedom from worry demonstrate confidence in God's ability to provide and care for us?
- 3. Why is it challenging to trust that God's ways are higher than our ways? How can we overcome these obstacles?
- 4. What thoughts and emotions come to mind when you think about the fact that God has good plan for your life?

LIFE Question – How does your belief in God's personal care and concern for your life affect your ability to draw closer to Him and see His hand in your life?