



LifeGroup Discussion Guide

Knowing God

Remember this page is designed to begin a discussion with your LifeGroup. It is not comprehensive. Allow the following questions to spur on deeper and further conversation, study, and discussion.

Go around and share a favorite memory about your father or an older man in your life who has served as a father. Tell what positive impact this knowledge of him has had in your life.

READ: Hebrews 5:11-14 - We learned on Sunday that John is addressing the issue of "maturity" in the church. John is offering affirmation of their reception of eternal life, namely because they "know God." What do you see in this passage in Hebrews that helps direct us towards maturity? What do you think the problem was in the church during the writing of this passage? What are some challenges towards maturity in our discipleship walk today?

READ: 1 John 2:15-17 - Chris helped us see that our trio of vices for sin all unite in a "love for this world." Go through the three categories provided by John in **verse 16** and list off some examples that correspond to the groups we learned on Sunday: Natural Evil / Moral Evil / Idolatry? What are some of the end-results of these vices, in other words, what does practicing them lead to (look at **verse 17** for help)?

When we see these categories as originating from the "world" and not from a knowledge of God we find that they chart to our conclusions from Sunday's message. Pick one of these questions to try and answer in your group: How does giving into a "lust of the flesh" change our "behaviors?" How does a submission to the "lust of the eyes" affect what rules our heart? How does the false-following of idolatry found in the "pride of life" shape our identity?

Conclude your meeting time by reflecting on Sunday's application. What does it look like for a church to invest in one another for the purpose of maturity? How is this interdependence within the church an assurance of eternal life? How would you counsel someone to fellowship with more mature believers for the purpose of growing in their discipleship? Can you identify any challenges in our world or church culture that make this practice difficult? Close your time with a prayer for God's help in our pursuit of maturity by knowing God as our Father.