

# Life Group Questions

January 28

## **Get-To-Know-Me Question:**

Share about a time that you carried through on an idea that people close to you didn't understand (for example—asking someone out you had no reasonable shot with, buying an impractical car, dropping out of college to pursue a dream, taking a family vacation to visit the world's largest rocking chair, investing your retirement savings into Bitcoin). How did it work out?

## **Into-the-Bible Questions:**

Read through **John 13:3-17**

1. I think it is easy to say that, at best, Peter is a little confused by what Jesus is doing when he begins to wash the disciples' feet. Keep in mind that Peter has just spent practically every day for the last three years at the side of Jesus. How is it possible for Peter, one of the inner three disciples, to not understand what Jesus was trying to teach his followers?
2. Read verse 7 again. Every parent throughout history has uttered these exact words at some point. And while they may be easy to say, they are not easy to hear. Can you think of a time where you struggled in the past, but when you look back on it now you see that God was teaching you something? How did you feel while you were in the midst of the struggle? In those moments, was it hard to follow God or make sense of what he was doing? Why or why not?
3. In verses 12-17, Jesus sits down and explains the example he has just set for his friends. He knew they weren't going to fully "get it" without his help. Is the same true today? Is it possible for us to know our purpose or fully "get it" apart from Jesus? Explain your answer.

### **Let's Go Deeper:**

Read through **Exodus 12:33-36**.

- After the first Passover, Egypt is ready to get rid of the Israelites as soon as possible. And while the Israelites are making their hasty exit, they ask the Egyptians for gold and silver. Overnight, Israel goes from slaves to wealthy. What must the people of Israel be feeling at this moment?
  
- Israel's plundering of the Egyptians was a fulfilled promise made by God when he first introduced himself to Moses at the burning bush (**Exodus 3:21-22**). Do you think when God was detailing his plan to Moses about how he was to stand before Pharaoh and ask for the release of Israel plus gold and silver to start the exodus, that Moses could see it? Could Moses envision the plan God laid out for him at the time of the burning bush? Why or why not?
  
- Read **Exodus 25:1-9**. After some significant time passes from the exodus, God asks Moses to ask his people for an offering so a tabernacle could be built. Where did the materials for this offering originate? What does this tell us about the way God plans things out for us? Does this make it easier or more difficult to follow His plans? Explain.

Read through **Exodus 26:31-35** and **Genesis 12:1**.

- Compare and contrast the different ways that God gives instructions in these two passages. Which one of these methods do you feel that God most uses with you? Explain your answer.
  
- Regardless of how detailed or vague God's instructions may feel, there is a good chance they won't ever seem quite clear to us, especially in the moment we receive those plans. Paul gives us a reason for this in **1 Corinthians 13:11-12**. What does this teach us about faith?

