

Life Group Discussion Guide

Kingdom Culture - October 4

LEADER NOTES

This week Pastor David continued our Kingdom Culture series by discussing fellowship and what it means to love one another. As a Life Group, this is a great opportunity to check in with your group about what they think is working well and where there is room for growth, as you encourage and support one another on your spiritual journey. As you ask this question in the “Look Ahead” section, be open as a leader to receive what your group has to share. Every group has room to grow, and your effectiveness as a leader is reflected not in the feedback you receive, but rather how you receive it.

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

THIS WEEK’S TEXT

1 John 2:7-14

Dear friends, I am not writing a new commandment for you; rather it is an old one you have had from the very beginning. This old commandment—to love one another—is the same message you heard before. ⁸ Yet it is also new. Jesus lived the truth of this commandment, and you also are living it. For the darkness is disappearing, and the true light is already shining.

⁹ If anyone claims, “I am living in the light,” but hates a fellow believer, that person is still living in darkness. ¹⁰ Anyone who loves a fellow believer is living in the light and does not cause others to stumble. ¹¹ But anyone who hates a fellow believer is still living and walking in darkness. Such a person does not know the way to go, having been blinded by the darkness.

¹² I am writing to you who are God’s children because your sins have been forgiven through Jesus.

¹³ I am writing to you who are mature in the faith because you know Christ, who existed from the beginning.

I am writing to you who are young in the faith because you have won your battle with the evil one.

¹⁴ I have written to you who are God’s children because you know the Father.

I have written to you who are mature in the faith because you know Christ, who existed from the beginning.

*I have written to you who are young in the faith because you are strong.
God’s word lives in your hearts,
and you have won your battle with the evil one.*

LOOK UP

Why is loving one another so important that Jesus gave it as a command for the church?

LOOK AROUND

What characteristics have you seen in others that make it easier for you to show love?

What characteristics have you seen in others that make it more difficult for you to show love?

What does it look like to move from loving someone in spite of your differences, to loving them through your differences?

LOOK AHEAD

How do you think your Life Group is doing when it comes to investing and inviting one another into your spiritual journey?

What opportunities do you have outside of your group to invest in someone or invite someone into your life?

PRAYER