Life Group Questions

February 26th, 2023

Is Jesus Woke? - Ray Harms-Wiebe - Luke 4:18-19; John 4:7-10; Colossians 3:9-11

To the Life Group leader: thank you for your ministry leading this Life Group. **Take time to review the questions, selecting those you believe will be most helpful for your group study**. You will not have time to use all the questions. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you as you lead, as you select questions, and as you guide the discussion.

Reconnect

Come together with these preliminary questions:

- How has God gifted you to serve Him?
- How will you serve Him this winter at Willingdon Church?
- Where has God placed you in the city? What is your role there?

Open in Prayer

Ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you through the text, the questions, and each other.

Message Recap Questions

Review the message using these questions

- 1. What stood out to you most in this week's message?
- 2. What was the most meaningful thing you heard in the message? Why?
- 3. What questions are still lingering?

Questions

- 1. What does the word "woke" mean to you? How has the definition of "wokeness" changed over time?
- 2. Does the word "woke" stimulate positive or negative thoughts for you?
- 3. How would you define "virtue signaling"?
- 4. What has been your personal experience in relation to racial prejudice and social discrimination?
- 5. Jesus crosses ethnic, social, religious, moral, and gender barriers to engage the Samaritan woman in conversation. What has been your experience in crossing these kinds of barriers? Is it comfortable or uncomfortable for you?

- 6. Jesus sees the Samaritan woman for who she truly is. How have you grown in your ability to see people for who they truly are?
- 7. Jesus walked the disciples through a series of teachings and life experiences to change their worldview and understanding of their mission. How has Jesus changed your way of seeing people who are different from you?
- 8. Have you ever found yourself "signaling virtue" in order to communicate to yourself or to others that you have taken the moral high ground, without really demonstrating meaningful commitment to those in need? What does it mean to truly identify with people?
- 9. At Willingdon, God has woven together a wonderfully multi-ethnic, intercultural, and inter-generational church family. How do you engage people different from you in a meaningful, loving relationship? Who is Jesus asking you to befriend now?
- 10. In 2022, 1079 newcomers signed Connect cards at Willingdon. Many are new to Canada. Around 25-30% are exploring Christianity. What would it look like for you to be family to the newcomers to Willingdon?

Choose Your Next Step

What next step will you commit to for the upcoming week (and beyond)?

Closing Prayer

A closing prayer is an effective way to point people back to our Loving Father as they seek to apply their new learnings throughout the week. Ask group members to share what they sense God calling them to. Pray for each other and commit to continue to do so during the week as people step out in obedience to God's leading.