

# Life Group Questions

Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Imitation Gods** – Pastor Brody Loewen – **Psalm 115**

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 summer 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

**Psalm 115:1 – So Much God**

- How have you experienced the love and faithfulness of the Lord?
- What circumstances make it easier for you to give God glory? (eg. "a beautiful day", "an answered prayer", and specifics)
- When are you been tempted to keep glory for yourself? What happened?
- *Consider spending time praising God in song/prayer/declaration.*

**Psalm 115:2-3 – Where Is He?**

- Have you wondered "Where is God in this?" about something? What was it?
- How do you react when you think God is far away? (eg. Do you look for Him, try to do things yourself, etc.)

- Have you been asked by anyone in your life to prove that God is real? What are some ways you have tried to answer that question?
- How does Jesus change the presence of God in our lives?
- *Consider praying or writing down the situations where you need God right now.*

#### **Psalm 115:4-8 – Who Are They?**

- Do(es) you/anyone you know have physical idols? Why do you/they have them?
- What are your idols? What do you go to for fulfillment and satisfaction?
- Have your desires ever led to pain instead of pleasure? Share with the group.
- *Consider taking time to call out idols and pray in repentance.*

#### **Psalm 115:9-11 – Trust is a Must**

- How have you trusted in the Lord in the past? What happened?
- What is the significance of God being our help?
- What is the significance of God being our shield?
- How does Jesus's life, death, and resurrection secure our hope in the Lord? Why is it critical that we trust Him?

#### **Psalm 115:12-15 – Blessed and Blessing**

- Faith equalizes us. Is there someone in your life that you have not shared God with because you assume they don't need/want to hear it?

#### **Psalm 115:16 – The Work**

- How have you seen God's people care for creation?
- How have you seen God's people fail to care for creation?
- How does faith in Jesus change our approach to creation?
- What does it look like for physical stewardship to come from a place of spiritual transformation?
- *Consider how you can sign up for Love our City, Aug 26, 2023. It's a great day to serve the neighbourhood and the world we live in.*

#### **Psalm 115:17-18 – The Words**

- How does Jesus demonstrate appropriate worship? Consider John 4:21-26.
- In what ways can you bless the Lord this week?
- How can God use you this week to show people around you the wonder and power of God?

## 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.