

NOTE FROM PASTOR JONATHAN

(Although our Life Groups will be at the Prayer Summit, I'm still providing a smaller set of questions/notes. Things will go back to normal for next week.)

We have a **Prayer Summit** on **May 7**. It's a vital opportunity for our Life Groups to come together to pray. Charles Spurgeon called his church's prayer room "the powerhouse" of the church. We're powerless without God, so let's come together to seek Him. Whether your Life Group meets at the Willingdon Campus, at home, or online, please join us at the Prayer Summit instead of your regular meeting. The theme will be "Blessing," based on Numbers 6:24-26, often considered "The Lord's Prayer of the Old Testament." We'll be meditating on this prayer and praying for our high school and university graduates as they step into the next stage of their lives. We'll also pray for our families and our nation. No matter who wins any election, Canada and all Canadians need God.

The café will be open for dinner from 5 pm to 6:45 pm. Come early to relax after work, enjoy a good meal, and have fellowship with others before we pray. **The café will not be open for Life Groups on May 6 and 8.**

QUESTION OVERVIEW

Please select any questions you feel will help your group dig deeper into God's Word.

Check out my Notes and Commentary (<https://willingdon.org/lifegroups/leaders-corner>).

Let's Warm Up: Questions to break the ice.

1. **How does it feel when you're sent out on a task or mission?**
2. **Besides your biological/legal family, who has felt like family to you?**

Let's Get Started: Questions to start thinking about the main themes.

3. **Why was it important for the disciples to stick together?**

Let's Dig In: Questions to discuss the passage and how we can respond.

4. **How does Jesus hold authority? What does that look like?**
5. **Jesus called the disciples brothers even though they all abandoned Him. How do you think they felt?**
6. **Pastor Vinh said, "Jesus doesn't start with a task list—He starts with Himself. The mission isn't launched by action, but by adoration. Before we go out for Him, we must look up to Him. Only then do we go as a family, united under the authority of Jesus." Are you adoring before you go?**
7. **"God adopts Jesus' followers into his family, uniting them by his Spirit, to be his church, serve one another, and reflect his glory to the world." Which part of this statement stands out to you? Why?**
8. **Pastor Vinh said, "Baptism is a death to the old self, and a resurrection to new life, a new identity, a new name, a new family. Baptism is also about belonging—we are joined to one another, as family, in the body of Christ."**
 If you've been baptized, how does this statement reflect your baptism?
 If you haven't been baptized, how can this statement encourage you to seek baptism?
9. **Pastor Vinh said, "The people in the pews around you are your family. You didn't choose them, but Christ did. Because you belong to Him, you now belong to them." How can we celebrate the big and beautifully diverse family that Jesus has given us?**
10. **What are the costs and benefits of being part of the church family? How can the benefits outweigh the costs?**