

Five Spiritual Practices for Life — Pastor Ray Harms-Wiebe — Acts 2:29-39, 42-47

NOTE FROM PASTOR JONATHAN

Hey Life Groups!

I'm resuming the **Life Group Questions**. This one's shorter because: (1) It's a standalone sermon and not part of a series. For the fall, we're resuming 1 Corinthians 8-11. (2) There's a Prayer Summit, and we're encouraging all groups to attend it.

Prayer Summit is on Wednesday (September 10) at 7 pm. The Café will sell dinner from 5:00 to 6:30, so come early for an affordable and tasty meal! Please join us in seeking God together as we begin this ministry season.

Intro to Community will be on October 5. It's an info session for Life Group applicants. We want them to understand the purpose and commitments involved so they'll know why they're joining. If they're looking for something else, we can point them in the right direction.

Monthly Theme Bookmarks will be handed out at the Life Group Fall Fest kiosk. Each month has a theme with some things to do. There's a QR code for a page where everything's fleshed out. It can add some additional directions or angles of growth throughout the year.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (Pick and adapt any that will help your group discuss the sermon.)

1. Pastor Ray said, "Every one of us must hear the Word of God, turn from sin, and turn to Jesus; that is, receive Jesus as Saviour and Lord, and entrust our lives to Him and His good purposes. Today, we see this personal surrender and transformation symbolized through water baptism." If you've been baptized, what led you to it? If you haven't been baptized, what's holding you back?
2. If anyone in your group hasn't been baptized, what can your Life Group do to encourage them?
3. How can you (as a group and as an individual) devote yourself to following spiritual rhythms?
4. Pastor Ray said, "The church is a living, interconnected organism, with its members intimately connected, created to experience life together – Spirit-filled people singing together, participating in the Lord's Supper together, praying together." How can your group experience worship together?
5. Pastor Ray said, "Wonders and signs were happening, confirming the work that God was doing in the city. When God is present, there are kingdom signs and wonders. But the awe was fruit of the new believers' devotion to God's Word and to one another." For this ministry year, what kind of miraculous fruit would you like to see in your group?
6. How do we respond to VUCA moments with VUCA?
7. How can your Life Group be a "squad"?