

Curious: October 11

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Below are some study questions that will help you and your Life Group dig deeper into this weekend's sermon. We've included plenty of questions, but feel free to use just a few or to choose whichever questions best fit your group.

Bible Questions:

1. Read 1 John 4:7-17
 - a. Give the group 10 minutes to read this in silence on their own. Ask them to identify one thing that stands out to them from this passage.
 - b. As a group, read the passage again and then ask a couple people to share what stood out to them and why.

Application Questions:

2. Sunday night Josh gave several examples of how messy and broken the New Testament church was. Why do you think being in community together is so hard? What are the challenges?
3. In verse 7 of the passage we just read it said that "love comes from God." What do you think that means? How does love come from God?
 - a. How do we experience that love? (ref. verses 16-17)
 - b. Is that love easy or hard for you to experience? If hard, why?
4. On Sunday night Josh said "God moves in the messy reality of love, not the pleasant ideal." Do you think that's true?
5. Josh said "if we don't figure out as Christians how to move past the comfortable ideal of community to the messy reality, we will never be able to be used by God to change the world around us." Do you think that's true? Why/why not?
6. Josh challenged all our life groups to share the honest, more honest, and most honest version of our stories. What do you think that means?
7. What are the obstacles to telling the most honest version of our story in our group? What makes that hard?
8. What are some ways we can create a safer place to share our stories here in group?
9. The passage we read talks repeatedly about loving each other. What are ways we can love each other better as a group?

Closing & Prayer: *[set aside 10-20 minutes for prayer]*

Break into partners and pray for each other. Pray for the things shared in your group and that God would create a unity and love in your group.