

Life Group Notes

These notes are to serve you as you lead your group.

*Please feel free to select the passages and **only use the questions which are most relevant to your group** and for the way you want to lead the session. (There are more questions here than you'll need)*

- *Please choose (or adapt) the questions which you believe will **bring about the most honest, faith-building and life changing conversations**, and add others if you want to.*
- *The readings and questions develop from one section to the next. Please **take time to move through the ones you want to use, giving time for discussion and sharing - ideally leading to a response to God's word.***

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Theme: Following God's Call

In this session we follow up on Rachel's testimony and update from Sunday.

You may prefer to follow up on Obi's preaching from the week before if you'd like a more traditional approach, but there were some great points from what Rachel shared that we can benefit from reflecting on.

Personally, I think that questions 4 & 5 and 7, 8 & 9 are key ones, but you may find it works differently for your group.

Introductory question

1. **What inspired you from Rachel's stories and updates?**

Further questions

2. **Rachel said that children can be more open to God. What are you learning from children about their approach to God?**
3. **How can we stay more like children in our approach to God?**

Rachel spoke about the importance of taking stock and asking ourselves, "Am I still on tread (on track) with God?"

4. **Are you on track with God?**
5. **Are you doing what God wants in this season?**

We heard on Sunday about the significance that journaling has for Rachel.

6. **Do you keep a spiritual journal? If so, how does it help you? If not, what similar thing do you do instead?**

Rachel spoke about stepping out and taking on a new challenge via her MA studies. These represent an investment in keeping herself fresh and taking on a new challenge.

7. **How are you investing in your growth / keeping yourself fresh?**

As she spoke, Rachel showed her deep passion for God's work with children.

8. **What about God's ministry are you passionate about? What moves you deeply? How might God be calling you to respond?**

When asked about how she kept going through challenges to her life and faith, Rachel spoke about going back to her calling from God.

9. **What keeps you going when you feel that it would be easier to stop or do something else?**

10. Rachel shared pictures of people who have been involved with her in the same ministry for 20+ years. **What are you still doing that God called you to do a long time ago?** As the group share, encourage them to be thankful for God's provision through the years, and also to be aware of God's pleasure as they've sought to serve and follow Jesus.

Easter Reflection & Application

At the end of the service, Stuart shared from Luke 9:51 about Jesus resolutely setting out for Jerusalem, despite all that lay ahead for him. As we think about the events of Easter Week, take time to reflect on this verse, and on what Jesus took on for us all, and for all people around the world.

Take time to share reflections, give thanks, and be inspired about Jesus' example of following God's call.