

D-Group Discussion Guide

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Getting Started

What are some of the biggest changes people experience in middle school? High school?

How does being in middle school or high school feel “new” compared to being in elementary school or middle school, which now may feel like it’s “old”?

Why are “new” things so much cooler than “old” things?

New Life

What do you think 2 Corinthians 5:17 means when it says we are new people once we choose to follow Jesus?

What are some changes you might expect to see in the life of someone who becomes a follower of Jesus—changes on the outside AND on the inside?

What changes have YOU experienced as a follower of Jesus?

Growing Life

Give me one example of how you’re different today compared to a year ago—but it has to be an area where you did something that contributed to that change. You don’t have to give us a super spiritual answer—just one way you’ve changed because of choices you’ve made.

What was the last big goal you set for yourself, and what did you do to strive for it or achieve it?

What are some ways you see God differently today compared to when you were a little kid? How and why has your perspective changed?

What are some good habits that can help you continue to grow spiritually—in other words, continue to become more like Jesus?

Eternal Life

What do you imagine heaven to be like? How would you describe that experience?

Read John 3:16. How is the gift of eternal life an expression of God’s love for you?

What is your role as a Christ-follower in telling other people about the new life God wants to give them?

Read John 10:10. What might your life look like if it’s a truly “rich and satisfying” life or life “to the full”? What part does Jesus play in your experiencing that kind of life?

Read Titus 3:3-7. Verse 7 talks about having “confidence that we will inherit eternal life” through Jesus Christ. When do you feel most confident in your faith and your relationship with Jesus? Why?

When do you feel least confident in your faith and your relationship with Jesus, and why?

Next Steps

What habits are you developing that will help you continue to grow as a follower of Jesus? How can we encourage each other in this area?

What are some ways we can tell our friends about the good news of Jesus and how God wants to give them a meaningful life and eternal life?

How can we pray for each other this week?