

Confidence | Question and Response

January 27th/28th, 2024

My Story Questions

These questions/activities help the group know one another and transition to deeper discussion. Choose one. OR.... You might start the meeting with one person sharing highlights of their story. Set up a rotation.

- 1) If you owned a TV network, what kinds of shows would you play all day?
- 2) Have you ever made a YouTube video? What was it about? If you were to make one, what would it be about?

Study Questions

These are meant for personal preparation and group discussion. Use all or pick a few to discuss.

This lesson is not sermon related but is focused instead on service in preparation for Serve Saturday.

- 1) **Read Matthew 25:31-46.** What does this story teach you about how to view the people that you serve? What other lessons about service do you learn?
- 2) Do people go to heaven because they served others well? Explain. (see Ephesians 2:8-10) What is the true relationship between serving and salvation?
- 3) Where have you served in the church or in the community or on the mission field and how did it impact you?
- 4) It is easy to do a service without truly “seeing” the people involved. When has that happened to you? What can you do to change your focus to the people and not the task?
- 5) What are the benefits of doing both short-term projects and long-term ministries? What is the longest time you have served in the same position?
- 6) What type of service does your heart lean toward? What types of service seem scary or uncomfortable? Take some time to read options from the Serve Saturday registration site and choose one.
- 7) When have you served the Lord in a capacity way out of your comfort zone? How did God help you?
- 8) How is it different to do service with God rather than for God?
- 9) Remember the story of Jesus washing the disciples' feet. See how much of the scene your group can recreate without reading the text. (John 13:1-17) What attitudes about serving do you learn from Jesus' example?
- 10) Did you have any reflections from the Live it Out material that you would like to share?

Responding to Jesus

Offer these questions for personal reflection before your group prayer time. Practice listening for God's voice.

- 1) Lord, “Where would you like for me to serve you?”
- 2) Lord, “What attitudes need to change in the way I serve presently?”