

*\*This is a discussion guide based upon CRBC sermons. The questions provided below are for Home Group Leaders to utilize in facilitating discussion within their group. Home Group Leaders are encouraged to take these questions, re-arrange them, omit as required, add as required and change as required in order to best create a close Christian family that feels safe and secure to be open about their lives and their Christian walk. Please tailor as necessary based upon your leadership style and group dynamics.*

*Additionally, if there are any questions, comments, critiques, inputs, etc... Please email Michael Griffin at [airforce\\_griffin@yahoo.com](mailto:airforce_griffin@yahoo.com).*

### **ICE BREAKER:**

What was your favorite Christmas moment this year?

### **SCRIPTURE:**

Proverbs 29:18  
Isaiah 55:9  
Proverbs 19:21  
Proverbs 16:9  
Hebrews 10:24-25  
Colossians 3:12-17  
Romans 12:3-21  
Matthew 22:37  
Matthew 28:19  
Matthew 9:12  
Colossians 2:6-7  
James 1:22-25  
1 John 3:17

### **QUESTIONS:**

- Have you ever worked in company that did not have a driving vision statement? What was that like? What are your thoughts when you are brought into a conference room to discuss vision or mission statements? Do you think they are important for a company? Why are vision statements important for a church?
- Does your family have a "vision statement" and/or verse? What is it? Why?
- We all pay lip service to the idea that we are to seek God's will in all our plans but what does that look like for you? When and how do you seek God's will in your life?
- Is it wise to plan? To save for the future, to put aside money for retirement, to plan on career paths, etc...? Are you willing to let go of the reins and allow God to have 100% control over your plan? Why is this so hard to do?
- Describe a personal experience where your plan for an outcome was vastly different than God's plan and how it turned out.

- When you are at a crossroads in life and seeking God's will and direction but are faced with silence, what do you do?
- What church do you attend if any? Is it large or small? Does it feel intimate? If you are a regular attender or member of CRBC, how do you feel about the size of the church? Does CRBC feel intimate to you, why or why not? What does it take to make CRBC feel like home and what role do you have to play in that?
- There are some people who will leave a church at the first sign of strife, controversy or change. Why do you think that occurs? Why is it we remain loyal fans of particular sports team despite coaching changes, good seasons, bad seasons, roster change over, etc... but we do not extend that same grace and patience with our church and pastors? Is church about feeding you or being part of a body of Christ and figuring out where you fit in? What is the difference between these two mentalities?
- What does the Bible say about being part of a body of Christ (i.e. the church)? How do you respond to people who say that they love Jesus but do not go to church because they do not like being part of an institution or with a bunch of hypocrites, etc...? Why is it important and hard to be an active part of a body of believers? (Hebrews 10:24-25, Colossians 3:12-17, Romans 12:3-21)
- Did you attend service on Wednesday or Sunday? If so, how did Pastor Rick's little exercise make you feel?
- Where are you comfortable? Are all your friends Christian? Is this wrong? How do we balance the time of family, work, friends and outreach? Why did Pastor Rick say that "ministry is messy?" Why is loving people messy? Why are we supposed to surround ourselves with true believers? Why are we then supposed to enter the world and get messy with it? Why are both so very important and very much linked together?
- How much time do you spend in God's Word? Why does this question make you uncomfortable? What does "spending time in God's Word" look like for you? Why is it important to spend time in God's Word (*leaders, try to avoid the rote church answers on this one*).
- Are you a doer of God's Word or a hearer of God's Word?
- What does caring look like? Give some practical examples of true Christian caring? Why do we sometimes put the burden of "caring" for those in the church in need on the paid ministers? What barriers do we put up that prevent us from caring?
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