

This is a discussion guide based upon CRBC sermons. The questions 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 them, add to them and change them as required to best facilitate discussion within their groups.

Additionally, if there are any questions, comments, critiques, inputs, etc... Please email Michael Griffin at airforce_griffin@yahoo.com.

ICE BREAKER

- What is your least favorite Thanksgiving dinner dish?

SCRIPTURE

- Matthew 7:13-14, 17-29
- Exodus 32:26
- Deuteronomy 30:19
- Joshua 24:15
- 1 Kings 18:21
- Psalm 119:30
- Mark 8:34
- James 2:19
- 2 Timothy 3:7

QUESTIONS

- What does Jesus mean when He says, “Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but the one who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, “Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and cast our demons in Your name, and do many mighty works in Your name?” And then will I declare to them, “I never knew you, depart me, you workers of lawlessness.”? Do these words of Jesus cause you to take a hard look at your walk and your faith? Should it?
- Pastor Rick said in his sermon, “If you enter the broad gate life is about pleasing you. You will be god of your own life.” As Christians, we profess that Christ is Lord of our life. However, we do not always walk that way. What are issues that Christians struggle with giving up in order to make Jesus truly their priority?
- In the two trees illustration, Jesus warns against “false prophets.” How are Christians to discern false prophets? Remember in Matthew 4, Satan twisted and quoted Scripture to Jesus during His temptation in the desert. How did Jesus respond to Satan’s attempts to quote Scripture? (Matthew 4:1-11) How have you heard people use Scripture to justify sinful activities and decisions in their lives?
- How can you discern the “fruits” of others’ lives? *[leaders, the intent of this question is that we have to have relationships and knowledge of people’s lives that go beyond what is posted on Social Media and casual acquaintances. The only way to do that is to be intentional about building relationships. This can be difficult when it comes to*

“authority” figures like pastors and such. It might be worth exploring how we can discern the “fruits” in the lives such as this.]

- We all want to do whatever is easiest in life. Jesus calls us to follow Him obediently. In what areas of your lives is this difficult?
- Pastor Rick said, “You and I are always going to want to see things in our favor.” How do we combat this; especially when it comes to our Christian walk? *[leaders, one part of this is to identify that we, as Christians, need real Christian brothers and sisters in our lives who are so close to us that they can call out our failings in love and help us to see where we are biased. It might be worth asking if the people in your group have these sort of relationships and talk about what is required to grow and develop these kind of relationships.]*
- What are your thoughts on Pastor Rick’s statement, “The truth is we have created a church that believes as long as you had that [walking the aisle, fill out a card, get baptized] moment in your life, you can then live anyway you want to live and still be guaranteed a place in heaven.”
- Pastor Rick talked about the difference between having knowledge of God and knowing God. What does that mean to you? Do you have to be a Bible scholar to know God? Do you know Christians in your life whose lives really do bear “fruit” but cannot necessarily speak “knowledgably” about the Bible? *[leaders, we all probably know someone who we can easily identify as truly having the heart of Christ, who obviously serve Him with all of their heart, mind, soul and strength and yet do not have great Biblical knowledge. The point of this question and discussion is to identify these people and discuss the real impact of Jesus in these particular people’s lives and how they stand out.]*
- How many Bibles do you have in your home? Do the amount of Bibles in your home make you a better Christian? There are thousands of people in this world, living in real Christian persecution who have little or no access to the Bible and yet they intentionally live their lives in complete obedience and dependence upon God. *[leaders, this is not to say that they are good people and therefore are Christian but rather that there are churches in this world who may only have one book of the Bible, or only one or two pages of the Bible, and yet they live lives more dependent on Christ than what we see in traditional “Western Christian families.”*
- Pastor Rick concluded with, “Following Jesus is hearing His words and doing them.” What does this look like in your life?