

*\*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 first car?

### **SCRIPTURE:**

Luke 5:1-11

### **QUESTIONS:**

- How many churches have you been a part of during your life time? Why?
- What does Jesus mean when He says, “Whoever loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.” (Matthew 10:37-39 ESV)
- What did John the Baptist mean when he made this statement, “He [Jesus] must increase, but I must decrease.” (John 3:30 ESV)
- What must you do so that those around you can see that Jesus is living within you?
- How has Jesus changed your life? What is your testimony? What does your life journey before and after Christ look like? *(LEADERS, WE DID THIS IN OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS. BE PREPARED, IF THE ENVIRONMENT IS RIGHT PEOPLE MAY OPEN UP ABOUT THEIR LIVES. WHAT YOU MAY HEAR MAY BE VERY OPEN, HONEST AND BRUTAL. THE BEST THING TO DO IS CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE OF LOVE AND SUPPORT AND NOT TO CAST JUDGEMENT. PEOPLE MAY OPEN UP ABOUT SOME VERY DARK INTIMATE DETAILS OF THEIR LIVES, FEARING HOSTILITY FROM A “CHRISTIAN” CROWD AND HOW THEY MAY RESPOND. JUST LOVE ON THEM.)*
- Why do we exercise? What happens to our bodies when we lift weights? Why do we learn to play musical instruments? What does that journey look like, do you start out being able to play Mozart’s Symphony No. 41 or do you start out with Row Row Row Your Boat? Why do we expect our spiritual lives to be any different? One thing any nutrition or exercise expert will tell you that the biggest thing in these areas is consistency. That same concept holds true for our spiritual health as well. In 2020, how are you going to grow spiritually, what can you do consistently that you have

never done before? Pastor Rick said, "Set aside some time to spend with God." That does not mean share time. That does not mean that you are going to start praying as you drive to work or listen to praise music while you workout. Those are not bad things. But what are you going to do in order to spend time with God? Jesus, the Son of God, had a regular habit of detaching from everyone and spending alone time with His Father. If Jesus needed that, then you and I both REALLY need that.

- What is your role going to be at your local church body this year? Are you at church to be entertained and be fed or are you there to be part of an active body of Christ? How are these two "church attenders" different? Have you ever served in a church? What did you do? What was that like? There are times in our lives when we need to step back and "recharge"; there is nothing wrong with that. But at some point in time you have to take hold of Goose's dog tags and get back into the fight (yes, that is a Top Gun reference). What that means is that at some point in time you need to step in and see how you can serve others. That may not necessarily mean the church, but that is a great place to start. At some point we also have to get past the idea, "well, I just do not feel called to serve in that area" sometimes we just need to engage with the pastors and see where the church needs help and serve there.
- How does CRBC combat Pastor Rick's fear, "I fear that we will stop being a church that loves everyone, no matter your struggle....I fear that we will become content with where we are and stop having a passionate heart for a world that does not know Jesus."?
- Are you praying for CRBC? Are you praying for the staff and their families?