

This is a Discussion Guide based upon CRBC sermons. The questions provided below are for Home Group Leaders to utilize in facilitating discussions with 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.

I am not “married” to this product and I would love any critiques, questions, comments, etc... in order to make this product better for you and your group. Please feel free to email me (Michael Griffin) at airforce_griffin@yahoo.com

ICE BREAKER:

What do you look forward to the most in the Spring?

SCRIPTURE:

Matthew 5:11

1 John 3:13

James 1:2-4

Romans 5:3

Romans 8:18

1 Timothy 6:8

Hebrews 13:5

Philippians 4:11

Galatians 5:17

Romans 7:15-20

Luke 9:23

QUESTIONS:

- Read Job 1:1, 5, 8
 - What was Job’s character and walk with God like?
- Read Job 1:9-12
 - What happened in these verses?
 - What did Job do that caused these actions?
- Job loses his immense wealth, his children and all of his belongings. How did Job respond? Read Job 1:20-22
 - What can we learn from Job?
- Annie Johnson Flint is a woman who through severe arthritis became bedridden. As it developed, her joints became rigid and she could only move her head. She could barely move, dealt with incontinence, pain, bed sores and the utter reliance on others for all of her needs. And yet, despite all of this she wrote poetry praising God and serving as His witness. She wrote this poem:

- He giveth more grace as our burdens grow greater,
- He sendeth more strength as our labors increase;
- To added afflictions He addeth His mercy,
- To multiplied trials He multiplies peace.
- When we have exhausted our store of endurance,
- When our strength has failed ere the day is half done,
- When we reach the end of our hoarded resources
- Our Father's full giving is only begun.
- Fear not that thy need shall exceed His provision,
- Our God ever yearns His resources to share;
- Lean hard on the arm everlasting, availing;
- The Father both thee and thy load will upbear.
- His love has no limits, His grace has no measure,
- His power no boundary known unto men;
- For out of His infinite riches in Jesus
- He giveth, and giveth and giveth again.
 - (He Giveth More Grace by Annie Johnson Flint)
- What does this poem, especially in light of who wrote it and the condition she was in, mean to you?
 - How did Annie view God in this poem?
 - What was her message?
- How has God worked in your problems in life? Did you see it right away or did it take time to see how God orchestrated things for your good?
- What do you think of Pastor Rick's statement, "There is something at work here which is bigger than my struggle, my pain or even my loss. I trust God."? Why is it hard to trust God, especially when we are facing severe problems?
- One of Pastor Rick's points was, "A relationship with God provides all I need, not all I want." What does this mean? How does this look practically when you are walking someone who is deeply hurting?
- Pastor Rick stated, "The decision to follow Christ is the first of many decisions." What does he mean by that?
 - If you are married, how would that marriage look if you checked out after the vows? In February, Pastor Rick had a sermon series on marriage and essentially said that for marriages to grow and stay healthy, they must be poured into and pursued. It could be argued that all relationships are like that. What do you think?
 - If so, then do you pursue and pour into your relationship with God? What does that look like?
- What does it mean to seek God? Not in some philosophical or theological manner, rather in the practical application of our lives.
- What does it mean to submit to God? Same thing, how does this play out in our every day lives?