

# life groups

## Questions for the Week of September 19

1. Looking back at your notes, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Our culture is deeply polarized. What are some ways that you personally could find common ground with people from very different perspectives? What are the things that are common in all human yearnings? How could we move from where you disagree to where you might find agreement?
3. Think about the spiritual explorers, doubters, or skeptics whom you know. What are some ways to capture their spiritual interest? What might whet their curiosity?
4. Most days, we ourselves need to revisit the grandeur, the beauty, the greatness of God and the good news of Jesus Christ. What is something about God or the gospel that sparks your worship, your thanksgiving, or your joy?
5. How could this “spark” be conveyed to others who are far from God? What might point them more toward the goodness and glory of God (and away from God-substitutes and/or misunderstandings about Christ)? What does a more intriguing conversation sound like – particularly with that One Life whom God has put in your path?
6. We are called to love all people (even our enemies) and treat them with dignity and respect. How does Paul’s approach demonstrate both a commitment to the truth and patient grace toward spiritual outsiders?
7. Read Matthew 7:13-14, 21-23 and John 14:6 and Acts 4:12. A lot of people (even some believers) are “hopeful universalists” in that they inwardly feel (or wish) that “somehow it will all work out in the end for everybody” in their eternal destiny? How does this passage (especially v. 30-31) and Jesus’ own words push back on the trend toward endorsement of all views as equally true and valid?
8. How is sharing the good news of Jesus with someone genuinely an act of honest love and kindness?