

# Life of Christ

A study of the life and teachings of Jesus

## LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

WEEK 7 | The Name of Jesus

SUNDAY, October 25, covering Life of Christ Study, Days 38-44



## Life Group Schedule

**PREP** Review the weekend service online. Read through each Scripture reference prayerfully. Invite the Holy Spirit to show you any correction you need to make around this week's topic. Be willing to be open, humble, and honest with your group about what He is showing you.

**10 MIN** Log In, chat, check on everybody! Remember, be a facilitator of conversation, not a preacher! Talk little, listen more, and have fun! Keep in mind we do this for community and for each of us to grow closer in our relationships with God.

**15 MIN** ICE BREAKER: Several ice breaker game suggestions can be located at [BIT.LY/NLCLIFEGROUP\\_ICEBREAKERS](https://bit.ly/NLCLIFEGROUP_ICEBREAKERS). Take your pick, and enjoy the game together!

**TRANSITION: SPEND SOME TIME IN WORSHIP & PRAYER**

### **30-45 MIN | THE NAME OF JESUS**

**PHILIPPIANS 2:9-10**

#### **WE MUST HONOR HIS NAME**

- Q1.** What are some names we use for Jesus? What words do you use to honor His name?
- Jesus wants you to speak his name because of what He can do for you. (We don't look at things of this world with as much fear when we honor His name).
  - When you understand the power of respect for His name, it changes your prayer life, your countenance, and it makes you a better tool in The Kingdom of God.
  - When you give honor to someone's name, people want to give honor to that person as well.

## WE MUST KEEP HIS NAME HOLY

**Q2.** How did your parents come up with your name? If you are a parent, how did you name your children?

- Jesus' name is important to God, The Father and he wants us to know that His name is Holy. (Angels in heaven singing: Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty).

### **REVELATION 1:17-18**

- Jesus loves to reveal who He is. He loves to put His right hand on you! He doesn't want you to be afraid, but He demands that you know how powerful His name is: the name above EVERY OTHER name.
- He is holy and unmoveable, and His word is never changing.

**Q3.** How do people manipulate others with Jesus' name? Give an example. How do people misuse His name?

- We have a real Jesus, and He wants His name to be honored.
- If you wonder if you have blasphemed the Holy Spirit, then you have not because if you have, you wouldn't care.

### **EXODUS 20:7; 2 TIMOTHY 3:13**

- If anyone tries to manipulate you with the Word of God or the name of God, that's a good place to pause.
  - › It's like forgery of His name for personal gain.
  - › For some people, profanity is habitual.

**Q4.** List some vows that people make? Why do they make those vows? Is it okay to make vows?

- Some people when telling the truth feel like they need to add a vow: "I swear to God."

### **MATTHEW 5:33-37; LUKE 6:46**

- Just tell the truth. Just do what you say you are going to do.
- Hypocrisy in the church—a believer willfully not doing what the Lord says—is much more harmful than profanity on TV.

**Q5.** Who do you say Jesus is? When you think of Jesus' name, what does it mean to you? How would you describe Him to a non-believer?

### **MARK 8:27-29**

- We must treat Jesus' name with respect.
- Jesus just wants us to know, "Do you get Who I am?"
- He is looking for our hearts and to be connected to Him.

**Q6.** What kind of church did you grow up in? What impact did that church have on your view of Jesus' name?

- Jesus wants us around His name. He wants us “in.”
- Don’t be casual and flippant about it, immune to it.
- God is saying “take out your heart and make Me important.”

**Q7.** Who is the most important person you have met in your life, someone whose name means something to others?

- We need to understand the importance that He is everything to us and we need to have revelation, now.
- We can’t just impulsively throw His name around; we can be worshipping God and still taking His name in vain.

**ISAIAH 29:13**

**Q8.** Jesus’s name is above \_\_\_\_\_ in my life. Fill in the blank with something you need Jesus for in your life right now. What pain can His name help you with? (Make sure you pray for these as a group).

- It doesn’t matter how many times you’ve made mistakes. You can go to the Lord and repent. This is the correct way to use His name. (King Uzziah)

**ACTS 4:12; PHILIPPIANS 2:9-11**

- His name is above any pain we can experience.

**Q9.** How can you go about your life honoring and respecting the name above all names, Jesus?

**PSALM 29:2**

- Worship His name.

## **TAKE PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAY OVER NEEDS**

## **CONFIRM OR SCHEDULE YOUR NEXT MEETING, WHETHER LIVE OR VIRTUAL**

**Leaders:** Please share your email address and cell numbers. Be available!

- For more ideas, check out [VIRTUAL LIFE GROUP PLAN](#).
- As Life Group leaders—the hands, feet and voice of Jesus—remember “CPR”:
  - › C – Check-In and Care for People at least weekly
  - › P – Pray with and for them often
  - › R – Remember Scripture. God’s Word is powerful!
- Group Participation Guideline Reminders:
  - › Do not share anything that will embarrass anyone, including your spouse.
  - › If called on you may pass on any questions you do not want to answer.
  - › Allow time for everyone to share; do not dominate the conversation.
  - › What is said in the group stays in the group. Use common sense and know when something shared is personal and should remain confidential.

**For Daily Prayer: The following linked resources can help strengthen our prayer lives**

- Foundations, Session 4: “WHAT IS PRAYER?”
- THE LORD’S PRAYER PATTERN
- THE PRAYER OF JABEZ PRAYER PATTERN
- THE TRINITY PRAYER PATTERN