

The banner features the title 'UNCOMMON GROUND' in large, white, serif capital letters, with 'MESSAGE BASED QUESTIONS' in smaller, white, sans-serif capital letters below it. The background is a landscape of rolling hills under a hazy sky.

UNCOMMON GROUND

MESSAGE BASED QUESTIONS

Uncommon Ground- WK 6

In a world that's divided, it's easier to pick a side than to fight for unity. But we have a higher calling- to choose honor in a world of division. Are you ready to stand on uncommon ground?

Conversation Starter: *Have some fun as you break the ice.*

- What is something that helps you recharge?
- Share the best vacation you ever experienced? What made it so wonderful?

Key Scriptures: *Let God's word frame the conversation. Take a minute to read these selected passages together as a Group.*

- Read I Corinthians 11:23-27, Isaiah 1:18, John 1:12, Galatians 3:26-28
- What do these passages tell us about God's love and our standing with him?

Discussion Questions: *Pick a few of the questions below to guide your time.*

Starting Sharing: *Choose a question or two to create openness.*

- In your opinion, what are some things the world needs a break from right now?
- Describe a time you needed to call a time-out or hit refresh to catch your breath and reenter.
- With the chaos of Covid, politics, and the events around us, how are you feeling?

Start Thinking: *Choose a question or two to think critically about the subject.*

- We're all prone to sliding into a judgmental attitude. What makes judging others' lifestyles or motives so tempting?
- How does the cross level the playing field for every single person who has breath in their lungs?
- Why do we work so hard to keep our sins and shortcomings from God?
- How does communion serve as our refresh/reminder that Jesus profoundly loves us? Why do we need to be reminded of this truth often?

Make it Personal: *Choose a question or two to help you identify your best next step.*

- What are some personal warning signs in your life that reveal it's time for a refresh? Share a personal example of a time you ignored those warning signs.
- Do you have a person or a group of people in your life with whom you can be completely transparent about what's going on beneath the surface? If so, how has this helped you from staying out of sync?
- You are loved, period. How can your secure standing with God change the way you respond to the circumstances of your life this week?
- Name some practices or principles you can begin to utilize to refresh or restart regularly to help you follow Jesus more fully.

Next Steps: *Everybody has a next step. Check out some ideas below to help you grow by doing.*

We all need moments to refresh and recharge.

- **Chair Time-** If you are a follower of Jesus, set aside a few minutes each day to spend time with God in His Word. This simple practice will strengthen your relationship with Jesus and help you gain the perspective you need to face the day. Check out some of the Bible reading plans on the LCBC App.
- **Guided Prayer-** Use one of these two prayer acrostics to spend some time having a conversation with God over the next few days. ACTS (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication) or PRAY (Praise, Repent, Ask for others, and Y our own needs).

Prayer: *Invite God to do what only He can do!*

God, thank you for the cross. Thank you, Jesus was willing to take on our sin and shame in exchange for His perfection. Please help us live out of the reality that we are wholly loved and forgiven because of the blood He shed 2,000 years ago. May we live and love out of this truth- the truth that we are your sons and daughters.

Bonus Feature: *Want to keep the learning going?*

- **Read the book:** Buy a copy of the Third Option and dive deeper into these principles.
- **Warning Signs:** None of us are perfect. Each of us has a breaking point. This fact doesn't make you flawed, just human. However, we don't have to be a slave to our emotions. The trick is to pay attention to the warning signs and make course corrections before we break down. This week create a list of warning signs that are unique to your personality and temperament. Hang it somewhere where you can see it often enough for it to be helpful. When you begin to see these warning signs lighting up, take time to pause and reset.

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