

# small group QUESTIONS

1. In Section I, Pastor Shawn asks, "So What's Your Question?" So, what is it? Small Groups are a place to openly, and without reserve, ask questions amongst one another about the Christian faith and life. What personal questions are on your heart right now and how did this weeks sermon help bring those questions about?

2. Share about a time in your life when you have experienced the 5 Stages of Grief (Section III). Perhaps someone is in the midst of one of these stages now and this discussion can help them get to the next stage. Those of you who have made it through to the Acceptance stage, share your journey, then, pray for one another.

3. We read this week about king Hezekiah in 2 Kings 20:1-11 (see also 2 Chronicles 32:24ff; Isaiah 38:1-22). God added 15 more years to the king's life. Our time is short during our pilgrimage on earth, "The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away" says Moses in Psalm 90:10. How can we go about cherishing each and every day and stay away from having a Regret-Filled Life? (See Section IV.) Because of Jesus Christ and by the grace of God, we still have breath in our lungs and blood pumping through our hearts and bodies—so it is never too late for us to reverse any regrets!

4. Read the verses supplied in your outline from the book of Job (3:11-16; 10:18-22; 14:10, 14). Kind of disheartening stuff, huh? Well, Job had been through quite a lot – he lost everything! He was confused and hurt. (We very well might have had the same response, right?) This is where we all come in together as a group, to ask questions; to try and answer questions; to comfort and encourage one another. Job's outlook was grim and bleak, but look at what he says later on:

"Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! [And thank God, they most certainly are!] For I know my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!" (Job 19:23, 25-27).

Rejoice with one another, for the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ points also to our blessed resurrection! With this truth, along with the satisfaction for and forgiveness of our sins found in Jesus's perfect work on our behalf, how can we not share this good news with others!?!?