



Detour- Week 3

HIGH SCHOOL AND ADULT GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**GROUP PREP**

In preparation for group, [watch Emmanuel's weekend service message](#), then answer the following discussion questions.

SOCIAL TIME (15-30 minutes)

Have an ice-breaker ready, eat a snack together, and/or go around the circle asking your group members to share any news since your last meeting, if your group is continuing from last semester. Be intentional in helping your group members get to know one another during this time and make it fun.

Ice-Breaker suggestion: Go around the circle and spend some time sharing “pows and wows” from the week. Have the group members share a low point and then a high point from the week.

CHECK-IN TIME (15-30 minutes)

Talk about what you did last week to complete your action step.

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (45-60 minutes)

We all know the feeling; you are traveling down a road and suddenly there is an accident, and you are forced to go a new way. You and I are on a road called life. Sometimes though, the road we planned to go on is blocked and we have to take a detour. Detours can come in many shapes and forms, but they all require us to move in a direction we never anticipated to go.

1. Would you consider yourself someone who is involved in accidents often, in other words, accident prone? Why or why not?
2. Accidents serve as an ‘alarm’ reminding us of the reality of brokenness in the world, and in ourselves. Sometimes accidents are unexpected, unplanned, and uncontrolled circumstances. Most of the time accidents are caused by human error.

Tell the group about a time you were detoured by someone else’s accident and how it impacted you.

[Read Luke 7:19.](#) Detours can plant seeds of doubt in our belief of who Jesus is. Has a detour in your life, caused by an accident, ever created doubt in your faith?



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3. Webster's dictionary defines hope as "to expect with confidence: trust". In order to overcome doubt, we must carry hope for what God might do through our detour.

[Read Romans 8:28](#). Are you carrying hope that God is working for your good? How does your response to the detour in your life reflect your trust in God's sovereignty?

4. Read [Galatians 6:2](#) and [Romans 15:1-2](#). When the people around us face an accident, we can, and are called to help.

Take out your phone and open your notes. List 1-3 people in your life who are experiencing an 'accident caused' detour. Is it possible the purpose of the detour is so you can help that person?

How can you intentionally step into their accident and be of assistance to them?

5. In his message, Pastor Danny challenged us to Repent, Trust, and Help.
Repent: Realizing the world is a broken place and we should turn back to God.
Trust: Believe that God is sovereign and works everything out for the good of those who love Him.
Help: People in accidents are hurting and need support.

Which of these do you most need to practice, to navigate your current or future detours well?

How can you specifically put that into practice this week?

ACTION STEP (10-15 minutes)

Choose one of the following or create your own. Consider finding an accountability partner within your group to walk alongside you this week.

- **Reflect:** Spend time at the end of the day recognizing the evidence of brokenness in yourself and the world. Turn away from trying to control things in your life and give it to God.
- **Encourage:** Write a card, send a text, or make a phone call to an individual you can help.
- **Practice Curious Faith:** When you are detoured this week, be intentional to replace your 'why' questions to God with 'what are you doing' and 'how are you going to use this'. Take note of how this impacts your ability to fight doubt.

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- **Meditate on scripture:** In order to be made firm in truth of God's sovereignty. Start with one of these verses: [Romans 8:28](#), [Isaiah 45:7](#), [Romans 8:20-21](#), [Galatians 6:2](#), [Romans 15:1-2](#)
- **Daily time with God-** Determine the type of routine you'd like to have that allows you to spend time learning about what pleases God. Here are some ways to do this:
 - [Download the Emmanuel app](#) and read the One Year New Testament daily.
 - [Download the YouVersion app](#) and find a devotion you can do daily. You can even decide to do one as a group to encourage one another as you do the daily readings.
 - If you recently placed your faith in Christ and texted SAVED to 65248, read the devotional provided in your starter kit.

PRAYER (5-10 minutes)

Ask your group to share two things

1. Prayer requests for themselves and the people in their lives.
2. Ask also for any reason to praise, it is great to come to God in thanksgiving for all He has done.

Keep note of the burdens in people's life and notice when God moves in those areas specifically. We believe God will see prayers become praise and it is an opportunity to increase our faith when we are in the position to bring that to light.

GROUP SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

To determine how your group can serve together in the surrounding community, email Breanne Schafer, Emmanuel's Associate Outreach Director, at bschafer@eclife.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 24| 1824

February 28| Impact Team Night

March 3| Father Daughter Dance

You can find more information on all of these events at eclife.org.