

## STUDENT GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### SOCIAL TIME/WORSHIP

Have a game ready and/or go around the circle asking your group members to share any news since your last meeting. Be intentional in helping your group members get to know one another during this time and make it fun.

### CHECK-IN TIME

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

### GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Being a good friend is easy! As long as you make time to hang out, remember their birthday, and answer their texts, you're eligible for the Great Friend Award . . . right? Friendship might feel easy when life is easy, but it gets more complicated when your friends are hurting or struggling. What should you do? What should you say? What should you not say? When our friends need help, there are no easy answers, but in this 3-week series, we'll follow the lead of a few people who've been there. Through the stories of Job, Elijah, and Eli, we'll see how God invites us to "be with" people when they're grieving, lonely, in need, or feeling hopeless, and how God is already with them.

1. What's one thing you want, but don't really need?
2. What are some things every person needs?
3. Read 1 King 17:13. Elijah tells the widow not to be afraid. Why is it difficult not to be afraid when your needs aren't being met?
4. In the story of Elijah and the widow, God met her needs in an unexpected way. Has anyone ever met your needs when you weren't expecting it?
5. When was the last time you noticed someone's needs? Did you try and meet their need or connect them with someone who could?
6. Do you struggle with being judgmental of others situations and needs?

7. Have you ever felt powerless to help someone? What are some things you can do in those situations?
  
8. Pastor Ashley said to start small. What is a small way this week you can meet someone's needs?

### **ACTION STEP**

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

- Connect with someone
- 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:
  - o Download the Emmanuel app and read the One Year New Testament daily.
  - o 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.
  - o If you recently placed your faith in Christ and texted SAVED to 65248, read the devotional provided in your starter kit.

### **PRAYER**

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 lives 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.