



# Lyona bible church

## LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS – JANUARY 31, 2010

### Announcements – Please read these to your group!

Please check your bulletin and the website ([www.lyona.org](http://www.lyona.org)) each week for additional information.

- **Join a Life Group:** Our Life Groups are a place of accountability, belonging, and care. We have made it easy for anyone and any couple to join a Life Group. Sunday January 10 marked the date that our current Life Groups will open to new families for 4 weeks. After the 4 weeks, groups will be “closed” for 5 months.

### Marks of a Healthy Church: Service/Servanthood, Part 4 (John 13:1-17; Various)

#### Questions

1. What was the most interesting idea or principle about this Sunday’s message?
2. As the speaker introduced the principle of service, would you have considered yourself a servant? Would you have considered yourself as someone who is actively involved in ministry?
3. What are some reasons you struggle with serving? Why are you not serving (if applicable)?
4. Have someone read Mark 10:35-44. Why did the disciples struggle with this idea of serving?
5. Jesus is the Head of the Church. Christ, our Leaders, came to serve and to sacrifice His life for those in need of a Savior. Have someone read Mark 10:45. What does this tell you about Christ and the leadership we should reflect as His body?
6. Do you, after hearing the sermon this Sunday, need to confess anything or repent of anything? What in your life needs to change?
7. 7 Pastoral Prayers:
  - We would see that the greatest problem in the universe is not moral failure but failure to glorify God.
  - We would see that we live under mercy and not under God’s wrath.
  - We would recognize that God has purposefully placed us here for His glory.
  - We would wholly abandon ourselves to Christ and the Gospel (not to American Evangelicalism).
  - We would become an equipping body not an inward focused family.
  - We would seek unity under our purpose/mission and not preferences.
  - We would believe in the gifts of the Spirit and desire them earnestly.

Spend time together to pray through these prayers together. Imagine the impact that our church could have on our community if we would commit to pray these prayers over the remainder of the series.

### Prayer Requests

A place to write out your groups’ prayer requests

## SERMON NOTES

Each header with sub-points is a slide used in Sunday morning's PowerPoint presentation.

**Text:** Acts 2:42-47; Various

**Speaker:** Michael Fraser

Marks of a Healthy Church:

- The early Church had an understanding of the implications of salvation or conversion.
- The early Church had an understanding of the implications of the principle of Accountability.

The early Church had an understanding of the implications of the principle of Servanthood. John 13:1-17

- The atmosphere for serving...
  - "having loved his own...he loved them to the end."
  - "through *love* serve one another." Galatians 5:13
- The action for serving...
  - Wake Up!
  - Stand Up!
  - Put Up!
  - Take Up!
- The attitude for serving...
  - "...example..."
  - "for you to do what I have done."
  - "The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many." Mark 10:45
  - We don't want to serve because we struggle with the same things the disciples did: Mark 10:35-44
  - The selfish attitude and desire for:
    - Power
    - Position
    - Pride
    - We see the disciples argue about this on several occasions.
      - Mark 9:33-37
      - Mark 10:35-44
      - Luke 22:24-30 (John 13)
      - We want others to serve us because we feel we are more important than everyone else.
  - The selfless attitude of:
    - Sacrifice
    - Suffering
    - Submission
- "if you know these things, blessed are you if you do them."
- We need to learn to give our lives in service to others.
- This is the example Christ left us in this vivid portrait.
- The early Church was healthy because it understanding the principle of Servanthood.