

# LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

HOW LOW WILL YOU GO? PASTOR GEORGE CLERIE (PT LOMA)

Campus Pastors - 2 Corinthians 5:13-15, Philippians 2:1-8

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**Pastor Miles, in a video to all campuses,** talked about the recent Supreme Court decision to change the definition of marriage. He said 1) The court did NOT take Jesus off His throne. 2) The best way to change the world is to live and display Christ-like, Spirit-led marriages. 3) Pastor Miles challenged us to love reverently and consistently with Christ's love everybody you know.

**Pastor George** spoke about how we are transformed when we accept Jesus into our lives. He challenges us to humble ourselves by focusing on Jesus and letting Jesus' love work through us to touch others.

## MEMORY VERSE

And He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again. **2 Corinthians 5:15**

## DISCUSSION STARTERS

**Has anyone ever lived in a tent? How long did it last?** Whether we live in a tent for a weekend camping trip or an extended period of time, living in a tent is typically viewed as a temporary shelter.

**When a person has died, have we heard "Oh, what a tragedy." or "He/she was so young; they had their whole life ahead of them."?**

At the beginning of Chapter 5 of 2 Corinthians, the author Paul wrote:

For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down (that is, when we die and leave this earthly body), we will have a house in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God himself and not by human hands. **2 Corinthians 5:1 (NLT)**

**Let's look at our lives as citizens of heaven here on Earth. Our house/ this tent/ our earthly bodies are *temporary shelters* for the Spirit living within us. How does that perspective influence how we treat others?**

## STUDY QUESTIONS

[1] In the video, Pastor Miles challenged us to love other. What hinders us from loving others freely?

**Break into groups of 2 or 3 and share an experience where you had difficulty loving someone freely.**



[2] The cross is all about forgiveness **and...** transformation. Too often we come to the cross **only** for forgiveness.

What happens when we only ask for **forgiveness**?

How can we increase how often we ask for **transformation**?

[3] Has anyone ever thought of or said "I could never forgive someone?"

What would it be like to ask Jesus to forgive that person **through** you?

[4] Which is easier? To lift someone up or to put someone down (verbally)?

What about speaking directly to them or behind their back?

Why is it harder?

[5] **Read Philippians 2:1-8**

What does being humble look like? Give an example to share.

Pastor George pointed out the need to "cross out the 'I's and drop out our 'Me's.

Recall a situation where you had an attitude of "It's all about me" *instead of* "It's all about Jesus". How would the event have changed if we had dropped our selfishness?

## PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

[6] It takes power and strength to lift up an object. Pastor George used a forklift analogy to describe lifting someone up. When shopping at a warehouse store, when a forklift truck is present, is it usually something you notice? Even when turned off, it stands out and looks powerful. But to do its job or function, it has to **get low** in order to lift something **up** off the ground.

Share about someone you know who is an example of a humble person.

Like a forklift, truly humble people stand out.

**Break into groups of 2 or 3 and share what area of life where there needs to have more humbleness or less "I"s.**

A forklift spends its whole life getting lower than what it lifts up. It requires power and strength to do that. Share how we can get lower to lift in order to elevate other people.

## TAKE IT HOME!

Will we be a lifter for Jesus? Take the "Forklift Challenge".

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