

## STUDY & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- ❖ Review the “short-list” Steve & Kevin covered in point 1. Which of these did you especially identify with? Do you think these are on-target with how others are living their lives these days?
- ❖ When did Jesus become more than just a name to you? Complete this sentence: “I came to realize how much I needed Jesus when...” What has been a profound way that he’s made/making a difference in your life? What about the life of Jesus Christ is most impressive or desirable for you? What do you wish you understood better about him?
- ❖ Read Matthew 28:1-20. Which person in this passage would you most like to interview for a news story on the resurrection of Jesus? How would you characterize the reactions of these people to the resurrection: The soldiers; The women; The chief priests; The disciples? Why would the chief priests and others prefer to believe a falsified story?
- ❖ Upon seeing Jesus, the women fall and worship – what’s the significance of this according to Matthew 4:10? How did the disciples respond (Matthew 28:17) when they saw Jesus? Why is doubt sometimes mingled with worship?
- ❖ Why do you think it was so important to Jesus that the disciples be convinced he was really raised from the dead? (See Luke 24:36-43 and Acts 1:3 about this) How do you need to experience the living presence of Jesus in the coming week(s)?
- ❖ Read Ephesians 1:11-12 from The Message paraphrase. (In point 4 of the outline) How does it make you feel to know that God has had (for a long time!) a life of good works in mind for you? What will you need most to live it out? What difference would it make in your life if you and your group made Ephesians 1:17-20 your daily prayer for yourself and each other over the next 40 days?

**Bible Versions used:** **KJV**-King James; **NKJV**-New King James; **NIV**-New International; **NCV**-New Century; **TLB**-Living Bible; **NLT**-New Living Translation; **Msg**-The Message; **GW**-God's Word; **TEV**-Today's English; **CEV**-Contemporary English; **NAS** - New American Standard; **NJB**-New Jerusalem Bible; **HCSB**-Holman Christian Standard; **Phi**-Phillips Translation; **Amp**-Amplified Bible; **NRSV**-New Revised Standard

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# THE LIFE YOU WERE MEANT TO LIVE

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## “That We Might Have Life”

**John 10:10-11, 17-18, 27-28 (NIV)** *"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep...The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life...No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father...My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand."*

1. **A** \_\_\_\_\_ the life \_\_\_\_\_.

➡ **B** \_\_\_\_\_

➡ **P** \_\_\_\_\_

➡ **R** \_\_\_\_\_

2. **R** \_\_\_\_\_ the life \_\_\_\_\_.

**2 Timothy 1:7 (NLT)** *For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.*

➡ **P** \_\_\_\_\_

➡ **F** \_\_\_\_\_

➡ **L** \_\_\_\_\_

☞ P \_\_\_\_\_

## Additional message notes

3. V \_\_\_\_\_ the life \_\_\_\_\_.

☞ Life that \_\_\_\_\_!

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*Ephesians 1:19-20 (CEV)* I want you to know about the great and mighty power that God has for us followers. It is the same wonderful power he used when he raised Christ from death and let him sit at his right side in heaven.

4. D \_\_\_\_\_ the life \_\_\_\_\_.

*Ephesians 1:11-12 (MSG)* It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone.

☞ True \_\_\_\_\_

☞ Meaningful \_\_\_\_\_

*Ephesians 2:10 (TLB)* It is God himself who has made us what we are and given us new lives from Christ Jesus; and long ages ago he planned that we should spend these lives in helping others.

☞ Lasting \_\_\_\_\_

☞ Real \_\_\_\_\_

*Matthew 16:24-25 (NLT)* "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must put aside your selfish ambition, shoulder your cross, and follow me. If you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for me, you will find true life."