

CAC LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

By This Time Next Year: Bible – January 4, 2026

Big Idea: By this time next year... may we know, feel, and do God's Word.

Ice Breaker: What's the funniest or most bizarre "Bible misunderstanding" you had as a kid or early believer?

Key Points

Take a few minutes to review the key points from this week's message.

- The Bible is a combination of different styles of literature
- The Bible is one cohesive story about Jesus – it all points to him
- The more of the Bible you know, the more it can feel like you don't know
- Commit to feeling patience with and humility about yourself when reading the Bible
- Use the reading approach that works for you
- Contemplating scripture allows what you read to write on you
- The goal of scripture is digestion and transformation, not completion

Discussion Questions

Based on the message, discuss the questions below.

- What was your biggest takeaway? What stuck out the most or moved you on a personal level?
- Did anything bother you? What questions did you have?

Making it Personal

Review with your group the impact this message made on you personally.

- What has helped you be consistent in reading the Bible? What has made it difficult?
- Is there a part of the Bible that still feels confusing or intimidating to you?
- Have you experienced Scripture feeling like a box you need to check off? Have you experienced it as something sweet that you can savor?
- How has community helped you live out Scripture in ways you couldn't alone?
- How do speed and business impact how you read the Bible?
- What would change in your life if scripture moved from your head into your guts?

Scripture Review

Revisit some of the passages from this week and discuss the questions below:

- 2 Timothy 3:16-17 - What does this tell us about the purpose of Scripture?
- Psalm 19:7-11 – What are the tangible effects God's word has on a person's life?
- Hebrews 4:12 – What does this suggest about how God's word interacts with our inner life?

Diving Deeper

Explore additional Scriptures that connect to this week's message:

- Old Testament: Deuteronomy 6:6–7; Psalm 1:1-3; Joshua 1:8; Isaiah 55:10-11
- New Testament: John 1:14, Hebrews 4:12; Colossians 3:16; Romans 12:2; John 14:23

Application & Action

Spiritual maturity is not measured by information but by transformation.

This week, consider:

- Where am I spiritually today?
- Who do I want to be by this time next year?
- If your life looked exactly the same this time next year, what area would disappoint you the most?

With God's help and community support, small steps become lifelong change.

Revisit the Word

- Read Psalm 19:7-11 aloud again.

Personal Reflection

Take 2–3 minutes in silence and ask the Holy Spirit: “What step are You inviting me to take so that I may know, feel, and do Your Word this year?”

Group Discussion:

- **Listening to Jesus:** What is one thing Jesus is inviting you to do with His Word this year?
- **Walking with Him:** How can applying Scripture become a normal part of daily life?
- **Anchoring in His Word:** Which verse motivates you to keep showing up in Scripture — even when you don't feel it?
- **Leaning on His People:** Who can you ask to walk with you as you move toward spiritual growth?
- **Growing in His Likeness:** How can Scripture shape your reactions, priorities, and relationships?
- **Action Step:** What habit could implement to help you read your Bible more consistently?

Daily 2-Minute Practice: Know → Feel → Do

- **Pause** (30 sec): Invite God to soften your heart to His Word today.
- **Read** (1 min): Slowly read one verse. Ask: “What does this say about God?”
- **Respond** (30 sec): Whisper a one-sentence prayer of obedience — “Lord, help me live this today.”

Prayer

Close your group time together with prayer.

Small habits. Big formation. God grows us as we keep saying yes.