

CAC LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

The Name: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God – December 14, 2025

Big Idea: The cross is where Wonderful Counselor and Mighty God meet

Ice Breaker: When did AI or other tech surprise you by knowing you better than you realized?

Key Points

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

- Everyone knows what it's like to not know what to do
- Everyone knows what it's like to know you cannot do what needs to be done
- Jesus is a wonderful counselor who is an expert in who we are and what we should do
- Jesus knows us better than anyone (friends, family) or anything (computers, AI) and still loves us completely
- Jesus accepts us as we are, but holds us accountable to not stay as we are
- Two mistakes we make are knowing what Jesus tells us to do and not doing it, and trying to do what only Jesus can
- Jesus is a mighty warrior able to fight battles and solve problems we cannot

Discussion Questions

Based on the sermon, 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 week's sermon made on you personally.

- In general, what do you tend to do when you don't know what to do? Do you pray about it? Do you ask certain people for advice? Do you look for answers in the Bible? Something else?
- Share about a difficult circumstance or decision when you didn't know what to do. Describe what you did, how you found a solution, how you sought God's help, what you learned from the experience, etc.
- Knowing Jesus accepts you as you are, but also holds you accountable to not stay as you are, share how you have changed and grown in your faith and walk with Him over this past life group semester? How are you different?
- Are you more guilty of under-acting or over-acting? Of knowing what Jesus wants us to do and not doing it, or trying to do what only Jesus can do? Share a specific example.

Scripture Review

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

- Isaiah 9:6, Romans 5:8-10
- What does Jesus as "wonderful counselor" mean? What does Jesus as "mighty God" mean?
- Why is it significant that the government will be on His shoulders?
- Why is the chronology important in how and when Christ died for us? (Romans 5:8-10)

Diving Deeper

Use the verses below to dive into other passages of scripture related to this week's sermon.

Old Testament: Isaiah 28:29, Psalm 24:8, Psalm 139:1-2, Proverbs 3:5-6, 1 Samuel 17:45-47, 2 Chronicles 20:15

New Testament: John 2:25, John 10:14-15, Colossians 2:2-3, Hebrews 4:15-16, 1 John 4:19, James 1:5, 1 Peter 5:7

Application & Action

It is important to take the knowledge you gain and see how it can become an actionable step that the Holy Spirit can use to produce transformation in your life.

Jesus is a wonderful counselor! He accepts us as we are, but also holds us accountable to not stay as we are. He empathizes with us to the point of physically entering our human world, so He knows what it's like to be us. He is patient with us, never gives up on us, and is never too busy to hear our prayers. Jesus is also a mighty warrior! There are battles in our lives we cannot win, and we need a champion – a mighty warrior – to step in and fight the battle for us. Is there a situation you are facing that seems impossible to you? Is there something in your life you have been fighting and you need to step aside and let Jesus fight for you? Is there a situation where you don't know what to do?

- **Pray about it.** Be sure to ask God specifically for an answer, tell Him in detail what you need Him to do for you.
- **Open your Bible.** See if God has already told you what to do, in Scripture. He will advise you according to His will and purpose. What can you do this week to allow for more Bible-reading time?
- **Do your part.** Let Him refine you. We are not meant to stay as we are. Our faith journey should always show growth, changes, etc. as we strive to be more like Him. Why do you think sometimes it can feel like your relationship with Jesus can grow stagnant? Can you do something new to grow? (Find an accountability partner, commit to read the Bible in a year, volunteer in a new ministry) Can you take a small step of obedience you've been avoiding? (A conversation, a confession, a choice). What can this look like for you?
- **Step aside.** Where do you need to stop trying to fix everything yourself and trust Jesus's power? If a situation is beyond your control or ability, tell Jesus you are stepping aside and ask Him to fight it for you.

Daily 2-Minute Practice: He is for us

- **Pause** (30 seconds): Reflect quietly and confess to God where you might be trying to do only what Jesus can do, or where you are not doing what you know Jesus tells you to do.
- **Pray** (1 minute): Pray the serenity prayer (see below) and tell God how the words speak to your reality.
- **Practice** (30 seconds): Jesus knows you completely and loves you completely. The love of God in Jesus Christ is unprecedented. No other love has ever been more costly to its giver and less deserving in its recipient. When God the Father gave His Son, Jesus, to die for us while we were still sinners, He gave everything — His own self — to rescue those who deserved nothing but judgment from Him. In giving His Son, God gave Himself, the costliest gift of all. He paid the supreme price so that we might receive the greatest love. Re-read Romans 5:8-10 this week and thank Him for this gift.

Prayer

Close your group time together with prayer.

Serenity Prayer:

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; the courage to change the things I can; and the wisdom to know the difference.