

The Normal Christian Life

Facilitator Instructions: *The words in italic are possible answers you are looking for as you lead the discussion. Give a number of people time to answer the questions before you try to answer the question. Also, always have group members look up the Scriptures in their Bibles while one group member reads.*

As you lead the discussion, be open to the Holy Spirit and what He is doing during the meeting. You may never get beyond one or two questions if they are provoking a great discussion. It may also be that someone in the group needs important ministry because of what the discussion opened in their heart. Take the time to allow the Holy Spirit to minister the person through your group members.

Ice Breaker: What is one thing you would like to do more than anything else?

Bible Study Discussion: The Normal Christian Life.

Facilitator: *Have different people read the following questions: After each Scripture is read have them answer the following Question:*

- **What does this Scripture have to do with Normal Christian Living?**

Colossians 1:18 (NKJV) *And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.*

Matthew 6:33 (NKJV) *But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.*

Ephesians 5:15-17 (NKJV) *See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.*

Galatians 5:25 (NKJV) *If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*

Romans 12:1-2 (NKJV) *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

Facilitator: *Please share the following:*

From the above passages of Scripture we find five basic foundational principles that help us to live a normal Christian Life. They are as follows:

1. Christ must be preeminent in our lives.
2. We must seek first the kingdom above all else.
3. We must understand what the will of the Lord is.
4. We must be controlled by the Holy Spirit and feed upon the Word.
5. We must present ourselves unto God as living sacrifices and not be conformed to the world.

Facilitator: *Have different individuals give you some examples of how these principles help them to lead a normal Christian life.*

Facilitator: *Listed below are eight areas that contribute to having a normal Christian Life. Talk briefly about each one and how they are all like spokes in a wheel. If a spoke is missing it will affect the ride we are having in God, and then ask the questions below.*

1. Our relationship to Christ
2. Holiness and separation from the world
3. Our servanthood and ministries
4. Our relationship to the church
5. Doing good unto others
6. Being a giver
7. Having a devotional life
8. Being a witness.

- **In light of all of the areas that were just mentioned above, do you sense that your walk with the Lord is balanced or out of balance?**
- **Which areas do you find the hardest to deal with?**
- **Which area is the easiest for you?**

Facilitator: *Share the following.*

Understanding that each of the areas listed above could be represented as a particular lens for your life, is there a particular lens or perspective that you tend to view the issues of life through rather than the kingdom of God?

- **If everything in your life was viewed through a particular lens, do you understand how your life could become somewhat out of sync with God's overall purpose for your life?**

Ministering Purpose and Prayer:

- **What are some of the world's major influences upon your life of which you need to let go of?**

Facilitator: *Have your members pray for one another to overcome the areas that are causing trouble. Remember we are healed when we confess our faults one to another. You may want to divide up into smaller groups.*