



Live IT Gathering Guide:

GROUP EDITION | [FAMILY EDITION](#) | [LIVE IT CHALLENGE](#)

Three Simple Rules:

- 1) Love. Respect others. Don't interrupt. Listen with real interest and care. Encourage.
- 2) Environment. Don't allow conflicting media or phones. Light candle when you gather.
- 3) Make It Your Own. This is just a guide. Do what works best for you.

Part I: Group Relationships

Getting started. Everyone gets to answer two [Live IT Fun Questions](#).

Daily Q's. Everyone go around and share:

- 1) Something you're grateful for
- 2) A recent victory (something you succeeded in)
- 3) A challenge (something you're struggling with)
- 4) An affirmation or gratitude (expression of thanks for one or more in the group)
- 5) Something meaningful going on in your life

Part II: Family Prayer

- 1) **Apologies.** Members express apology to those they have hurt or offended. Consider praying the [Confiteor](#). Here's an [Examination of Conscience](#).

- 2) **Opening Prayer (light your family candle)**

Lord God, we thank You for being the center of this missioned group of believers. Help us to know that You are truly present with us, here and now, listening to us, desiring us to more fully discover and live You.

Teach us of humility, honesty, encouragement, discipline and commitment.

We recommit ourselves to becoming the church You call us to be.

May Your love overflow into our marriages, families, friendships, work and world, that Your Kingdom be done here on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

- 3) **View NEW! Live IT Video from this week at [MassImpact.us](#)**

- 4) **Life Application Questions from [Readings](#)** (you may have to refresh)
Consider focusing on just one reading per gathering. Make it your own.

- 5) **Commitments**

Members are encouraged to identify one or more manageable areas they are committed to growing in. It's ok to stick with the same area over time and share your success.

- 6) **Closing Prayer**

Sign of the Cross. Invite family members to express prayers from the heart: "Dear Jesus, I pray for...". Close with *Our Father*, *Hail Mary*, and *Glory Be*.





Live IT Fun Q's

Use these Live IT Fun Questions with the [Live IT Gatherings](#). The goal is to deepen group connection through meaningful conversation and prayer.

Directions: Use the questions to share. The only rule is that everyone give the gift of attentive, uninterrupted listening.

- 1) My favorite movie is... because...
- 2) If I had to be either blind or deaf, I'd choose... because...
- 3) The best book I ever read was... because...
- 4) My idea of an *awesome*, week-long vacation is...
- 5) If I won a million dollars I would (remember ImageTrinity ☺)...
- 6) I am really good at...
- 7) What I really like about my Dad is...
- 8) What I really like about my Mom is...
- 9) What I really like about my brother / sister is...
- 10) One talent I'd really like to cultivate is...
- 11) If I had to either step barefoot in dog poop or have a bird drop one on my head...
- 12) My favorite television show is... because...
- 13) If I could spend a week with any historical character, it would be... because...
- 14) The most important cause in the world today is... because...
- 15) Something I really like to do when I need peace is...
- 16) My favorite childhood toy was... because...
- 17) One of my greatest challenges is...
- 18) When I grow up, I want to be...
- 19) What I really look for in a friend is...
- 20) If I had to spend a month on a deserted Island and I could take anyone with me, it would be... because...
- 21) If I had 1 minute to speak to everyone on the entire planet, I'd tell them...
- 22) Three words that best describe me are...
- 23) One of the most inspiring people to me is... because...

- 24) My faith is...
- 25) If I could be any character in any movie it would be... because...
- 26) One of the kindest people I've ever known is/ was... because...
- 27) If I could be either a recording star or a movie star, I'd be... because...
- 28) One time I was really proud was when...
- 29) If I could ask God any question, it would be...
- 30) Some things that really trouble me are...
- 31) Love is...
- 32) Ten years from now I hope to be...
- 33) One of the saddest moments of my life was when...
- 34) If I could erase anything that's happened in my life it would be...
- 35) One time I really knew God was with me was when...
- 36) If I could create any movie, it would be about...
- 37) One day when I die, what I hope people will say about me is...
- 38) Those who know me best would describe me as...
- 39) What really makes me happy is...
- 40) If I could either explore the stars or under the sea I would... because...
- 41) One time I really laughed hard was when...
- 42) My most embarrassing moment (or one of them) was when...
- 43) If today was my last day, I would...
- 44) Something I did for someone else that made me really happy was... because...
- 45) My best friend is (name)... because...
- 46) One thing that really ticks me off is when...
- 47) My idea of an ideal spouse is...
- 48) If I could be any Bible character it would be... because...
- 49) One thing I want to give to the world to make it a better place is...
- 50) If you were suddenly lost in the woods, who would you want to be with you...





READINGS + QUESTIONS

JOURNEY TOWARDS SUNDAY | July 23, 2017

LINKS: [LIT Family Guide](#) | [LIT Group Guide](#) | [KINGDOM BUILDERS](#) | [Live IT Challenge](#)

READING 1 WIS 12:13, 16-19

There is no god besides
you who have the care of all,
that you need show you
have not unjustly condemned.
For your might is the source of justice;
your mastery over all things
makes you lenient to all.
For you show your might
when the perfection of your
power is disbelieved;
and in those who know you,
you rebuke temerity.
But though you are master of
might, you judge with clemency,
and with much lenience you govern us;
for power, whenever you will,
attends you.
And you taught your people,
by these deeds,
that those who are
just must be kind;
and you gave your children
good ground for hope
that you would permit
repentance for their sins.

QUESTIONS:

- 1) What struck you in this reading? Challenged you? Inspired you? What questions did it raise?
- 2) What power have you been given for others? How might you better exercise it in accord with the Giver? What difference would it make? Do IT.
- 3) Who is one person you might encourage to do the same as you in #2? Do IT.

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Going around, share with each person how he/she has helped you recognize God's purpose for the power He's given you. Encourage them.



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READING 2 ROM 8:26-27

Brothers and sisters:

The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings.

And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.

QUESTIONS:

- 1) What struck you in this reading? Challenged you? Inspired you? What questions did it raise?
- 2) What difference might it make if we not only asked the Holy Spirit to guide us in prayer, but to guide our emotions, our thoughts and our attitudes? Think about IT.
- 3) Who is one person you might encourage to do the same as you in #2? Do IT.

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GOSPEL MT 13:24-30

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying:
"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn."'"

He proposed another parable to them.
"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the 'birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.'"

He spoke to them another parable.
"The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened."

All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables. He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet:
*I will open my mouth in parables,
I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation of the world.*

Then, dismissing the crowds, he went into the house. His disciples approached him and said,

QUESTIONS:

1) What struck you in this reading? Challenged you? Inspired you? What questions did it raise?

2) [[View NEW Live IT Video](#)]

Seriously, view the above link corresponding to this Gospel. Share what you think below that YouTube video. Do IT.

3) Who is one person you might encourage to do the same as you in #2? Do IT.

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Going around, share with each person how he/she has helped you understand the "hard truth" nature of God's love (in freedom to choose means freedom to reject). Encourage them.



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"Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

He said in reply, "He who sows good seed is the Son of Man,
the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom.

The weeds are the children of the evil one,
and the enemy who sows them is the devil.

The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire,
so will it be at the end of the age.

The Son of Man will send his angels,
and they will collect out of his kingdom
all who cause others to sin and all evildoers.

They will throw them into the fiery furnace,
where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.

Then the righteous will shine like the sun
in the kingdom of their Father.

Whoever has ears ought to hear."