



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 | September 24, 2017

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

READING 1 IS 55:6-9

Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call him while he is near.
Let the scoundrel forsake his way,
and the wicked his thoughts;
let him turn to the LORD for mercy;
to our God, who is generous in forgiving.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
As high as the heavens are above the earth,
so high are my ways above your ways
and my thoughts above your thoughts.

QUESTIONS:

- 1) What struck you in this reading? Challenged you? Inspired you? What questions did it raise?
- 2) Do you seek God's ways with regard to your commitments? Finances? Relationships? What is one way you might more fully avail to His ways? What difference would that make? What stands in the way? What help do you need? Do IT.
- 3) Who is one person you might encourage to do the same as you in #2? Do IT.

YOU IMAGE THE TRINITY: LIVE IT

Going around, share with each person how he/she has inspired you to strive after God's ways. Encourage them.



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READING 2 PHIL 1:20C-24, 27A

Brothers and sisters:

Christ will be magnified in my body,
whether by life or by death.

For to me life is Christ, and death is gain.

If I go on living in the flesh,

that means fruitful labor for me.

And I do not know which I shall choose.

I am caught between the two.

I long to depart this life and be with Christ,
for that is far better.

Yet that I remain in the flesh

is more necessary for your benefit.

Only, conduct yourselves in a way
worthy of the gospel of Christ.

QUESTIONS:

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

2) What is one way or time you conquered “living in the flesh”? What difference did it make? Who is someone you might encourage this week? Do IT.

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

YOU IMAGE THE TRINITY: LIVE IT

Going around, share with each person how he/she has inspired you to life more fully for Jesus Christ. Encourage them.



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GOSPEL MT 20:1-16A

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard.

After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard.

Going out about nine o'clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace,

and he said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.'

So they went off.

And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise.

Going out about five o'clock,

the landowner found others standing around, and said to them,

'Why do you stand here idle all day?'

They answered, 'Because no one has hired us.'

He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.'

When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman,

'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.'

When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage.

So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage.

And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying,

'These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.'

He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you.'

Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go.

What if I wish to give this last one the same as you?

Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money?

Are you envious because I am generous?'

Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

QUESTIONS:

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

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

How are you challenged to appreciate *your* blessings *without comparing to others*? What difference would it make if you lived more fully in the awareness of God in *your own* life? Do IT.

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

YOU IMAGE THE TRINITY: LIVE IT

Going around, share with each person how he/she has inspired you to live a life of constant gratitude for God and His blessings. Encourage them.



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