

GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

Life application materials for use in Life Groups, home devotions, and other small

1. What makes a “deep clean” of a home different than a regular cleaning?

2. This weekend The Bridge and our Traditional services had two different messages. What was one memorable thing from the message you heard that you can share with the group? Is there something in the message that you have questions about?

3. **Deep Clean—Seeing the Dirt. Read Romans 3:19-20.** According to Paul, the primary purpose of God’s Law is to make us aware of our sin. When was the last time you read the 10 Commandments, either in the Bible (Exodus 20) or with Luther’s explanations? (Google WELS Small Catechism) What habits have you seen in other people that help them regularly examine themselves and see the dirt of their sin clearly? Is there a habit you would like to begin so that you grow in your understanding of sin so you grow in your appreciate of God’s forgiveness?

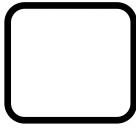
4. **Deep Clean—Read Romans 3:21-31.** Discuss “all are justified freely by his grace.” Justify means to declare a person not guilty like a judge in a courtroom.
 - a. Contrast the words “justified freely by his grace” and the feeling we sometimes get that “nothing we do is good enough.”

 - b. How can the word “all” comfort a person burdened by the filth of their sin?

5. **Deep Clean—Read Romans 4:1-8.** In verse 5, Paul says that God “justifies the ungodly.” Throughout the New Testament, the term “ungodly” is used for unbelievers. Compare that with John 1:29, “Look, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” Jesus died for all, even unbelievers. Based on this truth, discuss the following:
 - a. Agree or disagree: No matter what a person has done, and you can tell them, “Your sins are forgiven.”

 - b. Agree or disagree: Your forgiveness is not dependent on how firmly you believe it.

6. **Deep Clean – If there is time, read Romans 4:9-25.** What words or phrases comfort you in this section?



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

Take notes during the sermon to help you remember the main points.

Jesus Challenges Would-Be Disciples Mark 10:17-31

What's a challenge?

A situation that is hard to _____ , _____ , or _____ .

He shows us our hearts.

What does your heart naturally want to do?

_____ in _____ .

How does a challenge show how wrong that thinking is?

It _____ your _____ .

He shows us who to trust.

Who then can be saved?

_____ ... and _____ .

It's worth hearing again and again:

_____ challenges.