**Group Discussion Guide**

***Below the Surface* Sermon Series**

***Living Life In Tents* by Pastor Nicholas
Choose the best question(s) for your group**

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Below are some discussion questions relating to a recent sermon. These are provided so that your Life Group can discuss what was shared. Previous Weeks’ Discussion Guides and Sermon Notes are available through the [Sermons under the Resources menu](https://www.lefc.net/resources/sermons/). Click on the sermon series and then the sermon you are interested in.  You will see a paper icon under the sermon title. Click the icon to open the sermon notes. To listen to the sermon click on the speaker icon.

TEXT: 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

1. Young tents, little groaning…older tents, more groaning! Ha-ha.  What are the things that make us groan as we age (apart from physical and emotional issues)?  What are the things that happen in our temporary lives here on earth, which cause us to ***long for*** our eternal home?  How could we use this kind of discussion with members of our *Oikos,* especially as it relates to the tragic events in South Florida this past week when they are asking about God, “Where have you been?”
2. In sports, goals and confidence are two key characteristics for success.  The deposit is the hard work that was put into training and preparation. The goals are reached because of the confidence we have in our work as athletes.  As followers of Christ, the Holy Spirit is our deposit, giving us confidence of what lay ahead.  Discuss in your group, the seeds you are planting and any results you have seen.  Take some time to “pray for the harvest” for which God has given you a passion.
3. Christ is central in our order of life as Christians. Discuss the things that you are hesitant to give up, which cause you to not be living in the confident hope of what is to come.  They may even be religious things. Talk about what living the Christian life of Faith, with Christ central in your life, is like for you NOW in Freedom, not restricted; in Faith, not fear. Pray that God would release us from our fears, living in these temporary tents.
4. What do you *HOPE* for? What prevents you from sharing this *HOPE* with your *Oikos*? Pray for one another’s hope, that it will not fail.