Life Group Discussion Questions

Message: A Gospel-Centered Life
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UP – Knowing Jesus Intimately

1. In Acts 13:16–23, Paul traces God's faithful hand throughout Israel's history—from the Exodus to David—showing how every chapter led to Jesus. When you look back at your own life story, how have you seen God's hand guiding you toward Him?

2. In this passage, Paul highlights the need for a Savior in Jesus. What is the difference between living a life centered on our own self-improvement versus a life centered on the finished work of Jesus?

- *Cross-Reference:* Read Galatians 2:20.

3. In Acts 13:27–30, Paul explains that even though the people and rulers in Jerusalem condemned Jesus, God raised Him from the dead. Why is the historical reality of the Resurrection the anchor of a "Gospel-Centered Life"?

- *Cross-Reference:* Read 1 Corinthians 15:14, 17–20.

4. John the Baptist fulfilled his mission by constantly pointing away from himself and pointing people to Jesus (Acts 13:24–25). What daily practices help us keep Jesus at the center of our affections rather than our own desires?

IN – Being Known Authentically

5. In Acts 13:13, John Mark left Paul and Barnabas in Perga and returned to Jerusalem, revealing that even early leaders faced moments of discouragement, burnout, or conflict. How can our Life Group be a safe space to share when we are struggling or feeling overwhelmed in our faith walk?

6. When Paul and his companions arrived in Pisidian Antioch, the synagogue leaders invited them to share a *"word of encouragement for the people"* (Acts 13:15). How can we intentionally use God's Word to encourage and build up one another when we gather each week?

- *Cross-Reference:* Read Hebrews 3:13 and 1 Thessalonians 5:11.

7. How does understanding the gospel help us extend grace, patience, and forgiveness to one another within our group?

OUT – Making Jesus Known Practically

8. When Paul spoke in the synagogue, he tailored his message to his audience by using their shared history to show how Jesus fulfilled the Scriptures. How can we adapt the way we share the gospel with friends, family, or coworkers so that it connects with their life experiences and questions?

- *Cross-Reference:* Read 1 Corinthians 9:22–23.

9. Paul notes that those in Jerusalem fulfilled prophecy without even realizing it because they did not recognize Jesus or understand the prophets (Acts 13:27). Who in your circle of influence seems blind or indifferent to the gospel right now, and how can we pray for spiritual clarity for them?

10. John the Baptist boldly declared that he was not worthy to untie Jesus' sandals (Acts 13:25). How does a posture of gospel humility make us more approachable and effective witnesses to our neighbors and colleagues?

11. A disciple is a follower of Jesus who hears from God and does what He says. Based on the truth that Jesus is our risen Savior, what is one concrete way you can live out or share the good news in your neighborhood or workplace this week?