

## **MVPC Sermon Discussion Questions**

Week of August 28 – September 3, 2022

Life with a Capital L

John 10:10

1. Have several people in your group answer this: when you were young, did your family play board games? If so, which one? What do you remember about your family dynamics when you played that game or any board/card game?

2. Read aloud John 10:1-16 by going around the group and having each person read a few verses. This is the larger context for the sermon on John 10:10. What details of this extended figure of speech do you find important to recognize?

3. Pastor Rick mentioned 3 cards that we are tempted to want “in our hand”: the Performance Card, the Possessions Card, and the Popularity Card. Which one of those cards do you currently find most alluring, and why?

When you were younger was a different card more enticing? Why?

4. The word “abundant” in John 10:10 means to exceed the usual expectation so that a person is surprised by the remarkable and extraordinary. How does 2 Corinthians 12:9 help to explain the mechanics of this abundant life?

5. The unbelieving world should be surprised when they look closely at our lives and don't see what they expect. In the following verses what would be the world's expectation and yet what should they see in us?

- 1 Peter 4:3-4
- Matthew 27:12-14 and 1 Peter 2:23
- 1 Timothy 6:17-18
- Galatians 6:9-10

6. How have you seen “the thief” try to steal, kill or destroy your experience of Life with a capital L? How have you seen him attempt this in our church?

7. Is there something about the concept of Life with a Capital L that you hope this sermon series will address?