

Community Group Discussion Questions

September 25 – October 1, 2022

Life with a Capital L ♦ Ephesians 1:7-8 ♦ “Stuck Ducks”

1. Even though we know we can't run from our problems, who hasn't been tempted to think that a change of physical location might reduce our pain? If you could run away, where would you go? Why would you go there?

2. Pastor Tim Keller has coined the statement, *“You're more sinful than you ever dared believe; you're more loved than you ever dared hope.”*

1) If you believe that is a true statement, why is it true?

2) Why is it important to keep both elements of that statement in mind?

Redemption is the major theme in the “story” written for us in God's Word. It is so compelling that the storytellers of each generation, regardless of their faith, use this theme in their writings. Think of the best books you have read, or one of your favorite movies –how has the dramatic theme of rescue been woven into that story? How did it mirror what God did for us in Christ?

3. Psalm 107:2 says, *“Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story...”* When was the last time you told someone either:

1. Your initial redemption/rescue story (ie. when you first met Jesus)?

2. Or, being appropriately vulnerable, a time when as a Christ follower, you needed Jesus to come rescue you from your sinful choices.

4. Why is it so hard for us to accept God's grace? Why do we struggle to believe He wants to “lavish” it upon us?

5. How can meditating on the immeasurable cost of our redemption/rescue (Jesus the Son of God died that I might have life) be a deterrent to sin?

6. Why is Romans 5:20 so amazing? Why is it hard for us to believe that as pervasive and widespread our sin, that the grace of God always goes beyond it?