



LEADER'S NOTES

Week 7: Mutual Affection

To all group discussion leaders, thank you for leading your community group, family, or any group you have through these questions.

QUESTION 1

The first question is a discussion of the scripture. Please ensure that everyone says something. Even though the scripture has been discussed for a number of weeks, you might briefly touch on the importance of not just reading scripture but studying it, which requires meditating on it and reading it several times.

QUESTION 2

Question two addresses verses 12 and 13 and the importance of reminders. These two questions are provided for discussion: When it comes to your faith, what are some things you need to be consistently reminded of? Possible answers include God's love, God's grace, and God's promises. The second question is: What has God put on your heart to remind others about? This answer is more personal, and not every group member may have one. Some feel God has put a specific message on their heart, and this question allows them to share it with the group. If I answered this question, I would say I want to continually remind people that they need to grow and mature in their faith.

QUESTION 3

Question three focuses on verses 13 through 15 in the New Living Translation and discusses the legacy left after we pass from this life. The question encourages storytelling, asking your group members to reflect on the legacy of someone they have known and loved who has passed away. It also asks your group members to discuss what legacy they would like to leave behind. You might consider sharing this with your group: Leaving a legacy is less about building monuments and more about investing in people and passing on values that outlast your physical presence. It is a dynamic process shaped by your daily actions.

QUESTION 4

Question four focuses on the value we emphasized in the sermon, mutual affection. After discussing the concept, the question turns to how to develop philadelphia, or deep friendship. Developing a deep friendship is a deliberate process that moves from surface-level interaction to mutual emotional investment. It requires time, vulnerability, and consistency to build a foundation of trust and shared history. A friendship remains superficial unless both people are willing to step outside their comfort zone and share their true selves. The question also asks your group to rate the level of philadelphia in your group. You may want to take some time to evaluate this before the group begins. The best way to increase the level of deep friendship and the emotional bond your group shares is to do things outside of your group time.