

24 January 2023

Preparation

The best preparation is Prayer. Take some time at the start of the Lord to wait on the Lord. Let Him share His heart with you regarding your Life Group. Catch His vision. And then take some time to intercede for your Life Group members, and to pray over your Life Group meeting.

Fellowship

Open in prayer

Icebreaker: Share a time when you experienced favour. Favour from God or from a person.

Worship

Time of praise and worship

Discipleship

1. Read the introduction in the sermon recap. Reflect on how the Lord spoke to Pastor John about the theme for the year. Talk about the value of hearing God's voice.
2. Think about God! Think about His demonstrated delight, His smile, His approval, His blessing. How can the confident assurance of His favour help you to view the year ahead with faith and joy?
3. Read Isaiah 66:1-6 and then focus on verse 2b. Read this from a few different versions of the Bible. Talk about the heart attitude of someone who the Lord esteems.
4. Ask someone to share a testimony of how the favour of the Lord has increased in their life?
5. Read Psalm 30:4-5 and share the story about the Pastor in the Sermon notes. Discuss the fact that the Lord's favour lasts a lifetime.

Ministry

Pray and minister to one another.

Evangelism

As a Life Group do an initial brainstorming of outreaches that you could do this year, or ministries / charities that you could support.