LifeGroup Coaching Sheet

### September 30, 2012

**Questioning God?**

**Big Idea Prayer:** Father I know I am supposed to walk by faith. But if I am honest there are times I question if You really care and if I can honestly trust You. I question if I am forgotten? I question why You allow certain things to happen in my life? I believe, help my unbelief. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.



*Short Explanation:*

*The issue is not whether we should question God, but in what manner—and for what reason—we question Him. To question God is not in itself wrong.* ***The prophet Habakkuk had questions for God*** *concerning the timing and agency of the Lord’s plan. Habakkuk, rather than being rebuked for his questions, is patiently answered, and the prophet ends his book with a song of praise to the Lord. Many questions are put to God in the Psalms (Psalms 10, 44, 74, 77). These are the cries of the persecuted who are desperate for God’s intervention and salvation. Although God does not always answer our questions in the way we want, we conclude from these passages that a sincere question from an earnest heart is welcomed by God.  
  
An honest question is not a sin, but a bitter, untrusting, or rebellious heart is. God is not intimidated by questions. God invites us to enjoy close fellowship with Him. When we “question God,” it should be from a humble spirit and open mind. We can question God, but we should not expect an answer unless we are genuinely interested in His answer. God knows our hearts, and knows whether we are genuinely seeking Him to enlighten us. Our heart attitude is what determines whether it is right or wrong to question God.*

**Q** –Share a time when you had questions for God? What were your questions?

***Habakkuk 1:2-3***

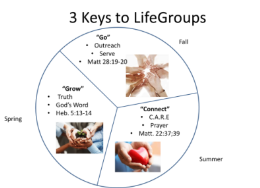
***2 How long, Lord, must I call for help,  
    but you do not listen?  
Or cry out to you, “Violence!”  
    but you do not save?  
3 Why do you make me look at injustice?  
    Why do you tolerate wrongdoing?  
Destruction and violence are before me;  
    there is strife, and conflict abounds.***

**Q** – Share a moment when you reached out and trusted God even when you could not see the outcome.

**Q** – Share how God has answered you? (His Word, other people, circumstances)



**If you seek Me you will find Me when you search for Me with all your heart**

**Ask God (Prayer) to increase your faith. Without faith it is impossible to please Him. Ask and you will receive seek and you will find. God is and his care for us is not hidden. **