

If a "Wonderful life" is a perfect life, you'll never have it.

14 When times are good, be happy; but when times are bad, consider this: God has made the one as well as the other. Ecclesiastes 7:14 (NIV)

A "Wonderful Life" is not the <u>easy</u> life.

33 I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world." John 16:33 (NLT)

Jesus came to give us the life we <u>need</u>.

10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. John 10:10 (ESV)

- Fullness of life is the **satisfaction** that only **Jesus** can give.
- When a crises hits, we all <u>run</u> to something.

We run to what we believe will help us.

1 I run to you, God; I run for dear life. Don't let me down! Psalm 31:1 (MSG) Rescue me from my enemies, Lord; I run to you to hide me. Psalm 143:9 (NIV)

Your life <u>matters</u> more than you think it does.

7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7 (NIV)

8 You keep track of all my sorrows. You have collected all my tears in your bottle. You have recorded each one in your book. Psalm 56:8 (NLT)

What God is doing within you will <u>inspire</u> those around you.

16 In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father. Matthew 5:16 (NLT)

You're not **perfect** but you serve a God who is.

• We need God to give us a new **perspective** on life.

2 Don't be like the people of this world, but let God change the way you think. Then you will know how to do everything that is good and pleasing to him. Romans 12:2 (CEV)

What changes our perspective:

What we believe God has done.

What we believe God can do.

What we believe God will do.

We want God to change our <u>circumstances</u> but God wants to change <u>us</u>.

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In times of **crises** don't lose **hope**.

A Wonderful life:

Celebrates God's presence.

Recognizes God's Blessings.

Lives with God's purpose.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning....In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. John 1:1-4 (NIV)



## TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

## **Questions for Connection Groups:**

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- How would you describe what a wonderful life looks like to you?
- How does Jesus satisfy our life?
- Do you agree that when a crises hits, we all run to something? Who or what do you run to and how
  does it help you?
- Do you really know that your life matters? Do you believe that the inspiration of your life happens through big accomplishments, small actions or both? Do you know that your life matters to God?
- How does a changed perspective in life allow us to experience a wonderful life? How does God change our perspective?
- How can we maintain hope during the crises in life?
- · How can you celebrate God's presence?
- · Do you recognize God's blessings?
- · How do we live with God's purpose?

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