## March 7 & 8, 2020 | In My Feelings – Week 1 Group Discussion Questions

## **GROUP PREP**

In preparation for group, <u>watch Emmanuel's weekend service's message</u>, then answer the following discussion questions.

### INTRODUCTION

We all have emotions, whether we want to admit it or not. We must learn to control them so that our feelings don't control us.

# **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Think about what areas of your life you let your emotions control you. When have you let your emotions control you, and how did the situation turn out?

2. We are all born with sin in our lives that has distorted our hearts.

Read Mark 7:21-23. How does this verse resonate with you?

Read <u>2 Corinthians 5:17.</u> How does the knowledge that when we begin a relationship with Christ, we become a new creation, change your outlook on your future?

3. During each week of this series, we will learn different strategies we can use to control our feelings. This week our strategy is to be skeptical of our feelings.

#### Read Proverbs 28:26

What does it mean to be skeptical of your emotions? Why do you think it is beneficial that we do this?

There are three questions you can ask to be skeptical of your feelings.

a. Where is this feeling coming from? You will often find that emotions come from the broken places of your heart. God often wants you to go back to those broken places for healing before moving on.
Share an experience where God has taken a broken piece of your heart and began to heal it.

Maybe you are in a place where you do not understand why you feel what you feel. -What could be the root of your emotion?

b. Is this feeling a "fruit of the spirit?" Read <u>Galatians 5:22-23</u>
-Ask yourself this question, "Does my feeling of \_\_\_\_\_match up with any of the fruit of the spirit?" -How can the fruit of the Spirit help not just magnify the emotions but also help you control the emotion?

c. Does this emotion align with the truth?-How do emotions play a part in becoming who God wants us to be?-How can we find the truth and test it against our feelings?

## **ACTION STEP**

4. What d	o you need	to do this	week to beg	in controlling	your feeling	gs so that	your feeli	ngs don't
control yo	u?		-	-	-	-	-	-

## **OUTREACH: GROUPS IN ACTION**

To determine how your group can serve together in our community, email Breanne Schafer at <u>bschafer@eclife.org</u>.

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## FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW FOR THIS UPCOMING WEEK'S ACTION STEPS.

My action step is						
This coming week, I will encourage complete their action step.						
Their action step is						
My memory verse is						
This coming week, I will pray for the group's following prayer requests:						