

life application questions

Uncommon Character

Uncommon

real people

- Get a few people together. Spend 30 minutes on food and fun. Encourage natural conversations that lead to the question: "How are you doing, really?" When ready, sit together to begin a more structured conversation. Remember that relationships will naturally grow toward greater transparency as time passes. Try to connect during the week on The City.

real God

- Spend 30 minutes going deeper. Introduce the discussion. Interact with the questions and the Bible. Remember that the Bible is more than an answer book. Start with easier questions and transition toward more difficult questions. At the end ask, "What do you think God might be highlighting?"

summary

- Our character makes us who we are. Rick O talked about creating an uncommon character that we can have that will affect the world around us. He also talked about how that uncommon character will affect us as a person!!

questions

How are you doing from last week's discussion?

- Character: what is it?
- *Romans 5:3-5 "Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us."*
- when you read this verse how does it make you feel?
- what are some things that have created character in you?
- Rick asked the question: You may have discovered what you want to **do** with your life but have you discovered the type of person what you want to **become**?
- Do circumstances build character or reveal it?

Job 1:20-22 Job stood up and tore his robe in grief. Then he shaved his head and fell to the ground to worship. ²¹He said, "I came naked from my mother's womb, and I will be naked when I leave. The Lord gave me what I had, and the Lord has taken it away. Praise the name of the Lord!" ²²In all of this, Job did not sin by blaming God.

- how is Jobs character demonstrated?
- how can we be like that?

Psalm 23:1-4¹*The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, ³he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, **for you are with me**; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

- what valleys have you been through?
- Did God see you through them? how so?

What words describe what you want be to known for?

- Use a 1-10 scale to see where you are at on your character!