

LIFE ON THE ISLAND OF JESUS

Discussion Questions

Suggestion: Allow 61 minutes for the film and at least thirty minutes for discussion (ideally, longer). Also, consider the film and discussion as a special event or part of a retreat. Themes: Identity in Jesus / Faithfulness / Obedience / Perseverance / Transformation over Time

Using the following questions, please reflect on the film and how it relates to your journey.

1. What most defines your Identity? Where is your identity primarily rooted? (Your family? Your job? Your success? Your material possessions? Your looks? Your personality? Your relationship to Jesus? God's love for you? Other?)
2. Think of a circumstance where you reacted in a way that revealed your identity is not entirely rooted in Christ. Think of a situation where your Christian identity was clearly demonstrated. What are the contrasts?
3. In the film, Pastor Scott Campbell shares his "Personal Timeline" where he discovered how God prepared him and his wife beforehand for the ministry to which He called them. Please reflect on your ministry service and ask if you are being obedient to what God has called you to do.
4. If applicable, how has your involvement in your ministry affected your family? (Positively and/or negatively)
5. Our God is the God of the impossible. However, during the years that you have known God & served Him, He has surely "disappointed" you at some time. What was the cause of the disappointment? (For example, unfulfilled expectations? Lack of results? Broken relationships with other believers? Other?) How have you processed that disappointment? (Example: "Leaned in" to the pain & deepened with God? Pulled back to a "safer emotional distance" from God? Allowed bitterness & cynicism into your heart? Other?)
6. In the context of Christian service, have you ever invested much in a relationship that ended poorly or was not fruitful? How did you deal with your frustration, your hurt?
7. In your ministry context, have you ever felt the weight of Spiritual Warfare? How has this manifested itself? How have you faced the attacks? (Prayer? Fasting? Other?)
8. We often speak about Jesus entering into our suffering in this Fallen World, but how often have you chosen to enter into Jesus' sufferings? (Paying the price to advance the Gospel & the Kingdom of God.)
9. Have you been in a ministry situation where you just wanted to quit? What did you do about it?
10. **Conclusion:** How is the Holy Spirit speaking to you about your own relationship with Jesus? How is the Holy Spirit transforming you into Jesus' image through the highs and lows of your life and service?

Romans 8:29-29 *We know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. For God knew his people in advance, and **He chose them to become like his Son**, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.*

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