

## Life Group Questions “New Year, New Season ... Same God”

**Icebreaker Question:** What’s one thing that’s changed for you recently — big or small — and how did you respond to it?

**1. Anchored in the Unchanging:** Hebrews 13:8 — “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.” - What does it mean to you personally that Jesus never changes? - In what ways can we anchor ourselves to God during seasons of transition?

**2. Running the Race:** Hebrews 12:1-3 — “Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us...” - What distractions or discouragements make it hard to “run with perseverance”? - How can we help each other keep our eyes on Jesus in this season?

**3. Rooted in Christ:** Sermon Illustration — The tree and the roots

- What are some signs that our spiritual “roots” are deep? - How can we deepen our roots in Christ as individuals and as a church?

**4. Following the Good Shepherd:** Psalm 23 & John 10:11 — “The Lord is my Shepherd...” - What does it look like to trust Jesus as our Shepherd rather than relying on leaders? - How has God provided for you in past seasons, and how might that shape your trust for the future?

**5. Letting Go of Personalities:** Wiersbe’s quote — “Never build your life on any servant of God...” - Why is it tempting to build our faith around people or personalities? - How do we honour past leaders while keeping Jesus at the centre?

**6. Expectancy vs. Fear:** Isaiah 43:19 — “See, I am doing a new thing...” - What fears might we carry into this new season? - How can we cultivate expectancy and hope instead?

**7. Unity and Encouragement:** Hebrews 10:24 — “Let us consider how we may spur one another on...” - What does unity look like in a time of transition? - How can we be intentional about encouraging one another this year?

**8. Faithfulness Through the Storm:** Storm Goretti & the seasons - How do storms — literal or metaphorical — reveal where our faith is rooted? - What spiritual “branches” might need pruning so our roots grow deeper?

**9. Perseverance and Grace** “Do not grow weary and lose heart...” - When have you felt weary in your faith journey? - What helps you keep going — and how can we support each other in that?

**10. New Minister for FBC.** In the second part of our service on Sunday, we focussed on discerning the character and qualities that we believe should be seen in a new minister. Is there anything further that you would like to discuss as a life group. Please share any further thoughts of the group with the Trustees and MT