

Lifegroup Material  
Fall 08

What is your life  
marked for?



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS - NOV. 2 - NOV. 8

**These questions are for week one of the Inked series. Look over these questions prior to coming to group and be prepared to share your thoughts. There are daily readings on page two for you to read and apply to your life.**

- Tattoos—what are they really? Why do you think people get them? Why do you think men are slightly more likely to have tattoos than women? Can tattoos give a person a sense of belonging? How about a sense of meaning?
- Tattoos are personal. They are a way for one to express themselves. What are some things that are personal to you? Do you express those things in a positive or negative way? Explain.
- Tattoos are often used for cultural, spiritual, historical, and more commonly today, for decorative purposes. Nonetheless, most often a tattoo tells a story about someone. It tells others what they are about, where they've been, who they love, etc. In like manner, what if God "inked" us? Would it tell your story? What is your life marked for? Has God revealed it to you? Are you actively seeking that purpose? Has Jesus placed his mark on your heart? Does your life reflect that mark?
- Some of you may already have a tattoo(s), some of you do not. Putting personal convictions or feelings aside, if you could pick anything in the world to have tattooed on your body, what would you choose? Why? Is this an example of who you are? Does it express your point of view?
- Do you need an outward mark to truly depict the mark on your heart? Can others see who you are by how you live? How can the mark on your heart become visually evident?
- Let's look at the life of Saul turned Paul. Here was a man who hated Christians. He taunted them, terrorized them, and tortured them. Then Saul found Jesus, he trusted and loved Him. Saul became Paul. Paul loved Jesus with his entire being, he suffered in the name of Jesus, and he bore a mark of scars for not backing down. Yet more importantly he bore the mark of Christ indented on his heart. In just being alive, others saw Jesus in him. What does this mean for us? How can we be marked like Paul? When people see you, can they see that your life is marked for something? Can they see it is marked for Jesus? You may or may not have an outward mark, but more importantly do you have an inward mark?



# INKED



## Here are some related Scriptures for your study time:

Genesis 17  
Leviticus 19:26-31  
Leviticus 19:28  
Romans 2:28  
Galatians 6:15  
Ephesians 5:3-4  
Philippians 1:6  
Hebrews 12:1  
Revelation 13:16-18

### Sunday

**Philippians 1:6** - being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

**Prayer:** Lord, show me the plan you have for my life.

**Question:** Do you feel like your life is meant for something? Is it something different from where you are now?

**Application:** How can you move in the direction of the purpose God has marked out for your life?

### Monday

**1 Timothy 2:2** - Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity.

**Prayer:** God, help me to live this day marked by godliness that I may be an example of You.

**Question:** In what ways have you lived that are not marked by a peaceful life?

**Application:** How can you live in a way that honors God? What steps are you taking to put those thoughts into action?

### Tuesday

**Mark 7:15** - It's not what goes into your body that defiles you; you are defiled by what comes from your heart.

**Prayer:** Focus less on the things you put in or on your body and more on the impurities that come from your heart. Ask God to reveal those sins.

**Question:** What will you do when God reveals the ugliness that may be in your heart? What if you don't like what comes out?

**Application:** Share with God your desire to change, to be more like Him. How will you surrender the things that defile your heart, so that, in turn, others can see the Holy Spirit living in and through you?

### Wednesday

**Philippians 3:14** - I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

**Prayer:** Ask God for the perseverance to continue pressing toward the mark He has set for you. And thank Him that He cares enough to mark you with His character.

### Question:

What does it mean to press

toward the mark? What calling is on your life?  
**Application:** How can you push yourself in the direction of God's calling on your life, even if it doesn't align with your own?

### Thursday

**1 Corinthians 6:19** - Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.

**Prayer:** God, help me to honor you with my body at all costs.

**Question:** While this passage is speaking of sexual immorality, the same message applies. Are you treating your body as a temple of the Holy Spirit, given to you by God? **Application:** A temple is a place to worship God or a place where God dwells. How can your body best be used to display that worship or that dwelling place? How have you defined your life in the way you honor your body for Christ?

### Friday

**Galatians 6:17** - For I bear on my body the scars that show I belong to Jesus.

**Prayer:** God, help me to show others that I belong to You.

**Question:** While Paul bore scars to stand firm in his faith, in what ways does your body, your life, show that you belong to Jesus?

**Application:** Chances are you have not been persecuted like Paul. However, what are your experiences that have brought you to where you are? How can others see through your life that you belong to Jesus?

### Saturday

**Galatians 6:15** - It doesn't matter whether we have been circumcised or not. What counts is whether we have been transformed into a new creation.

**Prayer:** Praise God today for being a new creation.

**Question:** Are you living a new life in Christ? Are you following Him?

**Application:** What steps can you take to live your life making it count for Christ?