

FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)
Week #3: Why is This So Different from My “Old Church?”

1) Take a minute and write down the steps in your “routine” when you wake up in the morning. Is it the same every day? Do you always do these things in the same order?

2) Share your “routine” with your group.

3) What is the purpose of each of the steps in your routine? As you think through this, do any of the steps or habits seem to have no specific purpose? In other words, are they merely habits?

4) What are your habits or routines on a daily or weekly basis that you would categorize as “religious?” Write them down and share them with your group.

5) For each item on your list, try to describe the purpose for the habit or practice. How does it promote a closer relationship with God or a Christ-like character?

Read Isaiah 29:13

6) What are some of the common religious habits and practices within Christianity today that have lost their meaning and purpose (or at least have for some people)? In other words, what are some areas where people are just going through the motions?

7) Have any of your habits or practices lost their meaning? In other words, are there any that you do merely to “please God” or because “that’s what you are supposed to do?”

8) What are some specific steps that you can take to refocus those habits on their intended purpose? Make a commitment to take those steps before the next time you meet with your group.

Take time to pray for one another.