TLC Home Group Expectations

- Please start and end on time. If you'd like to provide an atmosphere of fellowship, it's better that you provide this at the end to allow people who have to leave the opportunity to do so.
- Allow silence. Allow room for others to contemplate and even feel uncomfortable when asking someone to read, within group prayer, or when throwing out a question. Please don't rush in just to fill the space. Allow God to do what only He can.
- When sharing, make it about you and what God is revealing about you and or Him. Please allow room for others to share (don't dominate).

FROM DEATH TO LIFE Ephesians 2:1-10

What inspired you to get involved in a Home Group? Even if you've been in this same group or a different group before, why do you keep coming back?

Define the word **believe** in your own words. What does it mean to believe something? What's the evidence of any belief?

Define **salvation**. The truth of salvation appears over 170 times throughout English scripture translations. What does salvation involve / refer to?

Read Ephesians 2:1-10

- Talk about how you were dead in your transgressions before conversion.
- Talk about how you're experiencing being alive in Christ.
 - In Jesus, you're no longer a spiritual corpse—you've entered into an intimate, personal relationship with the Living God. Talk about your relationship with God.

Read Ezekiel 37:1-14

- A picture from God of a future restoration of a nation to life, something that was long dead.
 - What does this communicate about the power of God?
 - What does this communicate about God's character?
 - How challenging do you think this was to believe at the time the vision was given?

Read Romans 4:13-21

• Justification is God's declaration of our righteousness. This is apart from the law and works. God declares that He gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as they were.

These scriptures indicate that **God has the power** to do what only He can do and has promise within salvation that we were dead in our transgressions and now are alive in Christ, in restoration and revival, and declaring us righteous. The scriptures also indicate **God is motivated through love** and **it's all in Christ**.

Where are the places within what you say you believe or within unbelief that God wants to breathe in life? It's easy at times to say we believe, but our actions don't reflect what we say we believe. For example, we (Christians) might say we believe the Bible is God's Word but don't open it.

What would you like to bring before God in relationship within helping you in your unbelief?