

# **LIFE Meeting**

## **Looking to the Future**

### **May 11, 2018**

**1. Opening Prayer**

**Maggie**

**2. Large Group: Big Game of Life**

**3. Small Group**

**4. Closing Prayer**

**Morgan**

## Opening Prayer

Jesus take the Wheel by Carrie Underwood

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k\\_OpRIUZQoI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k_OpRIUZQoI)

Hold hands and interlock fingers so that all the weaknesses in the group are covered by each others strengths.

She was driving last Friday on her way to  
Cincinnati on a snow white Christmas Eve  
Going home to see her mama and her  
daddy with the baby in the backseat  
Fifty miles to go, and she was running low on  
faith and gasoline  
It'd been a long hard year  
She had a lot on her mind, and she didn't  
pay attention  
She was going way too fast  
Before she knew it she was spinning on a  
thin black sheet of glass  
She saw both their lives flash before her eyes  
She didn't even have time to cry  
She was so scared  
She threw her hands up in the air  
Jesus, take the wheel  
Take it from my hands  
'Cause I can't do this on my own  
I'm letting go  
So give me one more chance  
And save me from this road I'm on  
Jesus, take the wheel  
It was still getting colder when she made it  
to the shoulder  
And the car came to a stop  
She cried when she saw that baby in the  
backseat sleeping like a rock  
And for the first time in a long time  
She bowed her head to pray  
She said, "I'm sorry for the way  
I've been living my life  
I know I've got to change

So from now on tonight  
Jesus, take the wheel  
Take it from my hands  
'Cause I can't do this on my own  
I'm letting go  
So give me one more chance  
And save me from this road I'm on."  
Oh, Jesus, take the wheel  
Oh, I'm letting go  
So give me one more chance  
Save me from this road I'm on  
From this road I'm on  
Jesus, take the wheel  
Oh, take it, take it from me  
Oh, why, oh

We can look back into our past, by recollecting memories and past experiences, or we can look forward into our future predicting new and possible events in our lives. For many people, making life choices doesn't come easily, while others already seem to know what they want to do and where they are headed. No matter where on the spectrum we fall, there are bound to be hardships as well as successes. During these times we always have someone to rely on, and that person is God. When we feel that we are all alone and feel too weak to get up, remember that He will always be there to lend a helping hand. When we feel as though we are on top of the world don't forget to stop and take a moment to enjoy all that we have got. No matter what life bring us and no matter how much we think we have it all planned out. We need to remember that the best thing for us to do is to realize that God is in control. We can't change the direction of the road but we can adjust the wheel, so let Jesus take it. The only impossible journey is the one we've never begin. As your people let us joyfully proclaim...

## Small Group

Jeremiah 29:11

<sup>11</sup> For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Life seems to pass us by so fast that if we forget to look it will pass us by. We become so worried about our future that we forget to live our lives in the here and now. God has a plan for us to be successful, all we must do is live a righteous and just life. It may seem scary to think about the future, but, it is just another part of our lives that will work itself out in time. When you discuss these questions tonight, keep in mind that no matter where life takes you, God will always keep you on the path he has set out for you. We are all destined for great things, we just need to take the first step towards success, and then everything falls in place.

1. Did you like the outcome of your "life"?
2. Are you living the life that you really want to? Why or why not?
3. Are you challenging yourself to grow as a person?
4. Do you have a plan for your life?
5. Do you feel prepared for the future?
6. What are some of your dreams?
7. Do you feel it's hard to follow your dreams sometimes?
8. Have people encouraged or dismayed you to follow your dreams?
9. Have you ever given up on a dream?
10. What are some of the ways you can achieve your dreams?
11. What are some steps you have already taken to achieve your dreams?
12. Which of your dreams is most important to you and why?
13. What is one thing that you are excited for next year?
14. What is one thing that you are unsure of for next year?
15. What do you want your life to look like in 10 years?
16. What would be on your bucket list if you chose to make one?

## Closing Prayer

My Wish by Rascal Flatts

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kRpvDeLJnZI>

I hope the days come easy and the  
moments pass slow, and each road leads  
you where you want to go

And if you're faced with the choice and  
you have to choose, I hope you choose the  
one that means the most to you

And if one door opens to another door  
closed, I hope you keep on walkin' 'til you  
find the window

If it's cold outside, show the world the  
warmth of your smile

But more than anything, more than anything

**My wish for you, is that this life becomes all  
that you want it to**

**Your dreams stay big, your worries stay  
small. You never need to carry more than  
you can hold.**

**And while you're out there gettin' where  
you're gettin' to**

**I hope you know somebody loves you**

**And wants the same things too**

**Yeah, this is my wish**

I hope you always forgive and you never  
regret, and you help somebody every  
chance you get

Oh, you find God's grace in every mistake

And always give more than you take

But more than anything, yeah more than  
anything

This is my wish

I hope you know somebody loves you

May all your dreams stay big

I hope you never look back but you never  
forget: all the ones who love you, and the  
place you left

## Reflection:

With chapters ending comes new beginnings. The future can sometimes be scary and it's so unknown, but God promises us all that He has a plan for us. The future is full of choices and God will help us choose what is best. He will be there for us through all of the good and bad times. He will continue to bless us. God will help us take everything one step at a time and eventually lead us to the ultimate goal, Heaven. We all have a purpose and are called to leave a positive mark on this world. Everyone in this room has such a bright future and I hope your dreams always stay big and your worries stay small. On behalf of the whole core team, especially the seniors, I want to thank you all for such an amazing year and good luck with everything in the future! As your people, let us joyfully proclaim, May the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.