

Veteran's Day Small Group Questions

Getting Started

What military connections do you have in your family?
If you were to serve in the military, what would you want to do?

Going Deeper

Are there ways you can think of, that military service is similar to our Christian faith as discussed on Sunday?

Here are the points as a reminder. Check out the references for more insight

- Putting on the uniform ([Romans 13:13-14](#))
- Obeying orders ([Psalm 119:33-35](#))
- Sticking to the mission ([Acts 1:8](#))
- Remembering the sacrifice ([Romans 3:25-26](#))
- Living for the homecoming ([1 Peter 1:3-5](#))

If you had a personal mission statement or a family mission statement – a sentence or phrase that encompassed virtually all of your actions and goals – what would it be?

- What does our church's mission statement "It's about the ONE!" mean to you?
- How can your family live out that statement?

What freedoms do we enjoy because Jesus paid our price for sin with his death on the cross?

What are some ways we can thank veterans, other than merely saying "thank you"? What are some ways we can show our thanks to God for Jesus' sacrifice, other than through prayer?

What are some of the orders/commandments God gives us in the Bible that are the hardest for you to obey? Why are they tough for you to follow?

[Colossians 3:12-14](#) talks about the uniform you put on as a Christian.

What is one of these attributes that you are good at?

What is one you would like to work on?

When Jesus came to Earth the first time, he tended to keep company with people on the fringes of Hebrew society – tax collectors, fishermen, Samaritans, diseased people, and prostitutes were regular companions. He didn't hang out with religious people, except to respond to their criticisms and point out where they were leading the flock astray. If Jesus came back today, who do you think he would hang out with in our society? Have you included people in your life who are on the fringes?

What are some of the things that hold you back from wholeheartedly following Jesus' Great Commission in [Matthew 28:18-20](#)?

So many of us stress out about our salvation and try to “get right with God” before we feel like we can be acceptable to him, but we tend to forget that it was while we were still sinners (broken and unrighteous) that Christ died for us.

- Why do you think so many people try to earn their own salvation this way, rather than allowing Jesus' sacrifice to stand in their place?
- What can we do to avoid that mentality?

Take a moment as you close to talk about these two thoughts this veterans day

1. What freedoms are you grateful for that we have because men and women in the military have made great sacrifices?
2. How can your family honor those who have served?

Pray

Take a moment to pray as a group and remember to give thanks to God for those who have gone before us to serve this country and to provide us with freedoms beyond measure.