

## **The Secret Weapon of Life Group Leading**

- Curiosity is a secret weapon in Life Group leading. I've personally found curiosity to be a key to diving deep into sharing and encouraging people to be open in group time. Curiosity reminds me to actively listen (staying with what the person is expressing rather than mentally jumping ahead to my next question). Curiosity helps me to spend time unpacking people's answers and finding out why they shared what they shared.
- Consider these simple questions... Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How.
- You might ask someone "what is your favorite restaurant?" Consider the follow up question of "why is that your favorite restaurant?" Then consider the follow up of "how long have you liked that restaurant?" or "where is that restaurant?" Continue the conversation by orienting the group towards a curiosity and willingness to try that restaurant together... "When could we all try this favorite restaurant together?"
- What you've done is taken a basic opener question and applied curiosity and follow-up questions. You've moved your groups into finding out quite a lot about the person (where they spend their time, what they like, why they like it, how long they've liked that food, etc...) and additionally have created a group hangout opportunity that will encourage the community and connection within your group.
- These same types of questions can be used in discussion of bible passages and much more!