Life Group Questions – November 26, 2017
Catalysts for Spiritual Growth – Pivotal Circumstances

1. Has there been a time in your life that you have had to endure some very difficult circumstances but looking back you realized that God used them for good, to grow your faith?

2. Read Philippians 2:12-13. How do these verses complement each other with our responsibility and God's? What is God's role in our spiritual development? How does this encourage you?

3. We mentioned several expressions of a growing faith that can be produced in our lives through pivotal circumstances: making us more like Jesus (Rom 8:29); teaching us to depend on God (2 Cor 1:8-9); building character (James 1:2-4); hope (Romans 5:3-5); to make us more usable to God (2 Corinthians 12:7-10); discipline to bring us back to God (Hebrews 12:5-11); the fulfilment of God's plan (Genesis 50:20). Which of these have you experienced?

4. What is required for you to be able to grow from difficult trials that God may put in your life? Why do some people thrive and grow and others perhaps become bitter and their faith is threatened? Have you had your faith jeopardized by trials? Where are you with that right now? How can your Life Group members help you to remain faithful?