Discussion Questions explanation:

Immerse is designed for groups to encounter large portions of the Bible together for 8 weeks—more like a book club, less like a Bible study. Aim to understand the big story. Read through "The Stories and the Story" (p. 483) to see how the books of the Bible work together to tell God's story of his creation's restoration. As you read through Immerse: Messiah, rather than ask, "How do I fit God into my busy life?" begin asking, "How can I join in God's great plan by living out my part in his story?"

The questions are a bit different from your average Bible study questions. When people read whole books of the Bible, they notice things for the first time. They may have questions they never thought to ask before. They may even come across things that trouble them. These discussion prompts are meant to help readers navigate the text without giving them all the answers. By meeting every week in small groups and discussing what you read in open, honest conversations, you and your community can come together to be transformed through an authentic experience with the Scriptures.

4 (book club style) Questions to get your conversations started:

1. What stood out to you this week?

2. Was there anything confusing or troubling?

3. Did anything make you think differently about God?

4. How might this change the way we live?

Additional Questions

If your group is really struggling to open up, here are some additional questions to consider. (The point is not for the group to get through all the questions, but to have open, honest and authentic conversations and experience with God's word.)

1. How were the themes similar between the letters you read?

2. What uniquenesses did you notice between the letters?

3. How well do you handle change?

4. What is your normal response when experiencing tension?

5. What did these letter teach you about walking through conflict well?

6. In what ways did Paul teach them to think as men and women in Christ instead of

   give them rules to obey?