

Sacrificial love expects God to move.

Sacrificial love shows up.

Sacrificial love has an outlet.

Life Groups FAQ

How Important Are Life Groups?

We consider Life Groups to be the hub of our ministry. They are the place where the real ministry of the church takes place as we encourage, support, and challenge one another. God doesn't want any of us to be left to walk alone – we need each other. We want to be a church, not a crowd!

What Is a Life Group?

A Life Group is made up of 10-16 people who meet weekly to study, to share, and to support one another in their Christian lives. Each group is led by a trained leader. A typical meeting lasts for an hour and a half.

How Long Does A Group Last?

Each Life Groups session lasts 8 to 10 weeks. Basically, we've broken the year into 3 sessions. (Fall, Winter and Spring) At the end of each session, you have the choice of staying in the same group, trying a new group, or even taking a break.

What Will We Study?

The studies are based on the previous Sunday's Message. Life Groups are built upon what we call a "Lecture-Lab" model. If you imagine the weekend message as a lecture on Christian living, then the group meeting is a lab where you get to roll up your sleeves and discuss how the Message works out in real life.

Each week there will be a series of Bible passages and questions to study and complete before your meeting. The homework is included on the back of the message note sheet found in your bulletin as well as on the website. It will usually take 20 to 30 minutes to complete the homework.

How Do I Sign Up?

You can sign up anytime online. The staff and leaders are happy to help you find just the right group for you so just feel free to ask!

Which Group Should I Join?

There is a list of Life Groups in the bulletin and on the website that explains a little about the leaders as well as the time and location of the group. You can join a group based on your “station in life” or on geography or the most convenient night of the week. Frankly, sometimes it might take two or three groups before you find the perfect fit. But don’t worry, you’ll find it!

What Is The Required Commitment?

Joining a Life Group requires an 8 to 10 week commitment to attend the weekly meetings and to do the homework ahead of time.

Obviously, allowances are made for sickness, vacation, work conflicts, and other special events...but not much more! We have found that this commitment is the key to strong relationships and healthy groups.

What About Childcare?

Life Groups are for adults. We leave it up to each family to work out their own childcare. Sometimes it works best for families to share a sitter or to swap childcare with another family whose group meets on a different evening or time. Contact a Life Group leader to see what they are doing for childcare. Remember it is worth the effort and investment to grow.

THE PURPOSE OF LIFEGROUPS

Life Groups exist to promote spiritual maturity and personal growth through meaningful Christian relationships and the study of God’s Word (Romans 8:29 & Hebrews 10:24-25). Here’s how it will happen:

SHARE

Each week we’ll take time to share what is happening in our lives. At first this sharing will include planned “sharing questions.” But after the first few weeks, it will become more informal and personal as we feel more comfortable.

STUDY

Each week we’ll study a section from God’s Word that relates to the previous weekend’s sermon or an appropriate personal growth topic. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Christianity in everyday life.

SUPPORT

Each week we’ll learn how to take care of one another as Christ commanded (John 15:9-13). This care can take many forms such as prayer, encouragement, listening, challenging one another and meeting real needs.

SERVE

Spiritual growth is fostered not only by what we gain through the support and input of others, but also through service to others. The role each of us fills is important to the health of the church and for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the community in which we live (Ephesians 4:11-16). Throughout the quarter, it is our hope that you can find and/or be affirmed in the ways God has designed you to serve and make a difference in God’s kingdom.