
Life Together is Better

1. God's picture is for us to be together.
Philippians 1:1-11
2. Life group = little church.
Galatians 6:2
3. Accept it—God is on your side
Hebrews 6:13-18
4. Follow Jesus' example; accept each other.
Romans 15:2-13
5. What I have, I give.
Acts 3:3 - 8
6. **Develop** friendships, **Discover** stories. **Discern** next steps
7. Celebrate
Philippians 4:4

Life Group Questions

For week of September 28, 2014

Welcome to fall session of Life Groups. This first meeting will have a little extra time to get to know each other

To prepare for this week's meeting, take some time to focus on the questions below and be prepared to share your answers with the group. Have a great first meeting as you come together to connect, encourage one another to grow and to see God change your lives from the inside out!

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. What's something you did this past summer that was fun or enjoyable – i.e. going to a movie, swimming, family gathering, vacation, barbeque, etc?
2. If you could go back in time and have a conversation with anyone besides Jesus, who would you choose and what would you talk to them about?
3. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged you or confused you?

We are not meant to run alone. This is not just a statement that we say but it is instruction that God gives us for the best way to live our lives. The church is the tool God gives us to help us do life together.

Life groups are simply little church.

Review the following verses relating to what the church is and our individual responsibility to each other. How can your life group help fulfill this instruction?

Responsibilities of the church:

To Love God.
Revelations 2:4

To display God's grace.
Ephesians 2:7;3:6, 10; 1 Peter 2:9

To instruct believers.
Matthew 28:19; Philippians 4:8-9; 1 Timothy 4:6; 5:17;

To provide fellowship for believers.
Acts 2:42; Galatians 2:9; Philippians 1:5; 2:12;

To provide for believers and others in a time of need.
2 Corinthians 8-9; James 1:27

To do good.
Galatians 6:10

What do you want God to do for you this session of life groups?

Review this week: Read the following passages on church as a family

Why you need a church Family *From The Purpose Driven Life*

A church family identifies you as a genuine believer. John 13:35

A church family moves you out of self-centered isolation.

1 Corinthians 12:26; 1 John 3:16

A church family helps you develop spiritual muscle. Ephesians 4:16

The body of Christ needs you. 1Corinthians 12:7

You will share in Christ's mission in the world. Ephesians 2:10

A church family will help keep you from backsliding. James 5:16;

Hebrews 3:13,13:17

THE PURPOSE OF LIFEs GROUPS

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).