

INTRODUCING LIBERTY LIFE GROUPS

A Life Group is made up of two or three people of the same gender who meet weekly to discuss the Bible, to ask each other character-building questions and to pray for the salvation of family and friends.

This simple yet powerful format incorporates the values of community, internal life transformation and reproduction of disciples.

There is no leader of the group and no curriculum, workbook or training required, meaning that absolutely anyone can start or join a Life Group.

WHY TWO OR THREE PEOPLE?

Life Groups consist of two or three people. If a fourth person is added to the group, the group should split into two separate groups of two people for the following reasons:

1. RELATIONSHIP (ECCLESIASTES 4:9-12)

Life change does not happen in a vacuum; it happens in relationship with others. For most, it is difficult to have the kind of close knit bond that can change lives with more than three people at any one time.

2. ACCOUNTABILITY (1 TIMOTHY 5:19)

Few things in life get done without some degree of accountability. In the pursuit of Godliness we need accountability to one another. It's hard to be accountable to more than two or three people at a time. We can find support with a small group who knows and understands our life.

3. CONFIDENTIALITY (MATTHEW 18:15-17)

Confession of sin is needed for cleansing, healing, and preparation for a life of service, and a safe place is essential. Two or three others of your same gender, who know and care about you and who are also sharing their own struggles, provide as safe a place as one can find.

4. FLEXIBILITY (MATTHEW 18:20)

Two or three busy people can coordinate their schedules and meet almost anywhere.

5. REPRODUCIBILITY (2 TIMOTHY 2:2)

Simple things multiply more easily than complex things. If we learn to multiply this basic unit of the church, we have a better chance to multiply more complex groups, ministries, and congregations.

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CHARACTER CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

1. HOW HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED GOD IN YOUR LIFE THIS WEEK?

2. WHAT IS GOD TEACHING YOU?

3. HOW ARE YOU RESPONDING TO HIS PROMPTING?

4. DO YOU HAVE A NEED TO CONFESS ANY SIN?

5. HOW DID YOU DO WITH YOUR READING THIS WEEK?

6. _____

(YOUR OWN QUESTION)

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STRATEGIC PRAYER FOCUS

PEOPLE TO PRAY FOR:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

1. Lord, I pray that You draw _____ to Yourself (John 6:44)

2. I pray that _____ hears and believes the Word of God for what it really is (1 Thess. 2:13)

3. I pray that _____ will seek to know You (Acts 17:27)

4. I ask You, Lord, to prevent Satan from blinding _____ to the truth (2 Cor. 4:4)

5. Holy Spirit, I ask You to convict _____ of his/her sin and need for Christ's redemption (John 16:7-14)

6. I ask that You send someone who will share the gospel with _____ (Matt. 9:37-38)

7. I also ask that You give me or one of the others in my Life Group the opportunity, the courage and the right words to share with _____ (Col. 4:3-6)

8. Lord, I pray that _____ will turn from his/her sin and follow Christ (1 Thess. 1:9-10)

9. Lord, I pray that _____ would put all of his/her trust in Christ (John 1:12; 5:24)

10. Lord, I pray that _____ will confess Christ as Lord, take root and grow in faith and bear fruit for Your glory (Col. 2:6-7)

WHAT HAPPENS IN A LIFE GROUP?

ONLY THREE TASKS ARE TO BE ACCOMPLISHED EACH TIME A LIFE GROUP MEETS:

1: THE GROUP ASK EACH OTHER A LIST OF CHARACTER CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

There is strength in relationships that are built around supporting one another as Christians. The first thing the Life Group does together is ask each other the Character Conversation Questions listed on the attached bookmark which can be torn off and kept in your Bible. The meetings start here because it is easy to lose time talking about other things. Each person takes turns answering the same question until all the questions have been worked through.

2: THE GROUP DISCUSSES THE WEEK'S BIBLE READING

The group selects an entire book of the Bible to read through each week and discusses what the Lord showed them through it when they meet. As a general rule the group should aim to read 25 to 30 chapters of scripture per week; so if one of the shorter books of the Bible is picked it should be read multiple times. If any member of the group doesn't manage to complete the agreed reading that week then the entire group repeats the reading the following week. The group only moves onto another book of the Bible when every member of the group completes the reading in the same week. Sometimes this means a group will re-read a passage several times. The pay-off is that you are getting more familiar with the Bible!

3: THE GROUP PRAYS FOR THE SALVATION OF SPECIFIC PEOPLE

Each member of the Life Group is to identify one person that needs Jesus and that the Lord lays on their heart to pray for. The names of these people are then written down on the bookmark of every member of the group. Each person in the group prays throughout the week for those on the list until they see their prayers answered. The bookmark has the Character Conversation Questions printed on one side and the Strategic Prayer Focus printed on the other. This is to remind each person in the group to pray specifically for each of the people named on the card as they read their Bibles throughout the week. Those who come to know Christ as a result of this become perfect candidates to be added to a Life Group resulting in the multiplication of the groups.