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# WEEK 1: Why Life Groups?

Who has been the most important person to you on your Spiritual journey? What did they do to make such an impact?

**Watch Week 1 video with your Life Group.**

**Let's look at Acts 2:42-47**

(This is right after Pentecost and Peter's sermon)

1. What happened during Pentecost? Why would that be what led to the explosion of the church?
2. When you read about Acts 2, is this descriptive or prescriptive? How do you know?
3. What was important to the early church? Why do you think these things were important to them?
4. What are the greatest needs of people in our context today? How do they compare/contrast to the needs of the early church?
5. How are we meeting those needs as a group? What do we do well? What are some areas in which we can grow?

**There are four major pillars of a small group that form the foundation of everything that the early church did. These pillars still comprise the foundation of our small groups today. Over the next four weeks, each of these pillars will be unpacked and discussed among your group.**

- Bible Study
- Intentional Community
- Spiritual Growth
- Missional Impact

**Pray together:**

- Pray for your life group
- Pray for the people in your Life Group
- Pray for the people who will one day be a part of your Life Group
- Pray that your Life Group will become a family of believers who grow closer to Christ and to one another.

## WEEK 2: Bible Study

What is your favorite book of the Bible or Bible story? Why?

From the beginning of Christianity, communal reading and discussing Scripture was vital to the spread of Christianity. God's people gathered and His word was recited to them. This practice was passed on from generation to generation until it was finally written down.

**Why is the Bible so important?**

**(Read and discuss each section of scripture.)**

- **The Word of God keeps us grounded in truth**

Isaiah 40:8, Psalm 119:160

- **The Word of God makes us like Him**

2 Timothy 3:16-17

- **The Word of God brings salvation**

Hebrews 4:12, James 1:21

- **The Word of God gives us direction**

Psalms 119:130

- **The Word of God is vital for the survival of any Christian**

Matthew 4:4, Romans 15:4

**God's Word is the foundation of everything we do as believers.**

**What does Scripture do?**

- Gives us direction
- Guides our decision-making
- Makes us like Christ
- Reminds us of our hope
- Shows us God's character
- Stabilizes us when we become overwhelmed
- Keeps our eyes focused on the truth as opposed to becoming distracted by the world.

Is God's word central to our Life Group?

Do we use it in the ways described above?

What are some things we can do in our group to help us stay focused on God's word?

**What part should our Life Group play in making God's word the center of our lives together?**

**Is God's word central to your own life?**

**Pray Together:**

Pray that God's word would remain the focal point of this community as individuals and as a Life Group.

## WEEK 3: Intentional Community

Who is your best friend? What made you become friends with that person? (As you discuss this question, focus on the fact that the things you have in common draw you together.)

**Genesis 2:18 says, "It is not good that the man should be alone."**

- We were created for community with God and with one another.
- Community is broken by sin (Adam and Eve in the garden)
- When we are adopted into God's family, we are not only reconciled to Him, but we are being reconciled with one another as well.

**What do we learn about community from these verses?**

- 1 Thessalonians 5:14
- Romans 12:9-13
- 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
- Galatians 6:2

**If you had to summarize what a Christ-centered community should look like, how would you describe it?**

**How does our group measure up?**

**Make a list of your observations and give yourself a grade on each area. You can either ask people to do this individually and give it to you so that you can have an accurate assessment of where your people are, or you can do this in group.**

What do we do well?

In what ways do we need to grow as a community?

What are some steps we can take to do so?

**Pray Together:**

Pray for this community of believers to truly become a family and to reflect God's love in each other's lives.

## WEEK 4: Spiritual Growth

What was the most trouble you ever got into as a kid? What was the consequence? How did it change you?

### Personal Holiness - Read Ephesians 4:17-5:2

- Who are the Gentiles and how do they live?
- What makes the Gentiles have hardened and callous hearts?
- How is the old self “put off” and the new self “put on?”
- What is the difference between the old self (Gentiles) and the new self (Christians)?
- How do we grieve the Holy Spirit?
- What does a life lived imitating God look like according to this passage?

### Spiritual Gifts - Read 1 Peter 4:10

God has given us gifts to use to serve one another and our church family. Do you know your spiritual gift? If you do, are you using it to serve the church?

- Have you ever noticed a gift in someone else’s life and encouraged them to use it?
- What would the impact be on our church if every person in each Life Group was serving the church with their gift?

**The life of a spiritually growing person will always impact the relationships that person has because we cannot grow closer to Christ and not begin to act like Him in our daily lives.**

- We love because He is loving.
- We serve because He was the greatest servant.
- We sacrifice for others because He gave everything for us.
- We forgive because He forgave us.

**As we become closer to Him, we become more like Him as we are first Justified (made legally perfect by Jesus’ sacrifice) and then Sanctified (made more and more like Christ personally as the Holy Spirit works within us).**

What would a perfect community of believers who are growing together look like?

How is spiritual growth apparent in our Life Group? What are some areas we can improve to ensure that we are growing together?

**Pray Together:**

- Pray that our Christlikeness would be evident in how we treat one another.
- Pray that our intentional community surrendered to God's Word would create a family that reflects Christ to our community and to one another.

# WEEK 5: Missional Impact

Watch Week 5 video with your Life Group.

**Jesus' final commands we have written down are these:**

- Matthew 28:18-20
- Acts 1:8

**What does God command us to do in these passages?**

**Are we following His commands?**

**In what ways are we following them?**

**What does God promise us?**

**If God promises to be with us and to give us His power, why do we struggle so much to live on mission?**

**Read Romans 15:18-19**

**\*\*Illyricum is the present day country of Albania\*\* (Teacher's point)**

**From Jerusalem to Illyricum was about 7 regions and about 25 million people. Paul was able to take the gospel to that entire region in the span of about 20 years!**

**How do we, as a life group, continue to fulfill the mission of God?**

**What holds us back from reaching more people for Christ?**

**What can we do to be more effective for the mission of God?**

**"My role in the mission of God is to use my gifts and passions alongside faithful men and women to impact God's Kingdom and honor Him above everything else in my life by spreading His message of salvation and restoration to the world."**

**Pray Together:**

Pray that our life group and our church would never cease to be about making disciples and multiplying disciple-makers, and that we would do whatever it takes to see more people come to know Christ.