

## LIFE GROUPS: THEIR PURPOSE

Life Groups exist to promote spiritual maturity and personal growth through meaningful relationships and the study of God's Word (Colossians 1:28 & Hebrews 10:24, 25). We'll do this by focusing on four primary activities:

### **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 and apply 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 our community (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.

## FIVE MARKS OF A HEALTHY GROUP

For our group to be healthy, we need to...

1. Make spiritual growth our priority (Colossians 1:28).
2. Accept one another (Romans 15:7).
3. Take care of one another (John 13:34).
4. Treat each other with respect (Ephesians 4:25-5:2).
5. Keep our commitments to the group (Psalm 15:1-2, 4 b).

# GUIDELINES & COVENANT

1. Dates We'll meet on \_\_\_\_\_ nights for ten sessions. Our final meeting of this quarter will be on \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Time We'll arrive between \_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_ and begin the meeting at \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Study Our studies will focus on the same topic covered in the previous weekend's sermon OR an appropriate personal growth topic. Our goal is to learn and apply how to live out our faith in Christ, in everyday life.
4. Prayer Praying for one another.
5. Homework & Attendance Joining a Life Group requires a commitment to attend each week and prepare for the discussion (do the homework questions). Obviously, allowances are made for sickness, vacation, work conflicts or other special events.
6. Desserts & Food
7. Service Project(s) Examples: Adopt-a-Teacher, School Partnerships, Big Brother/Big Sister
8. Social Activity
9. Other

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2. \_\_\_\_\_ 10. \_\_\_\_\_
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