LifeGroup Time Virtual Guide

There are many options to coordinate virtual group time. We suggest using <u>Google Hangout</u>. Logistically, we suggest hosting group time once kids are in bed, with a max time frame

1. Catch Up On Life:

As a church family, we care about each other's lives: what we're celebrating, what we're mourning, what decisions we are praying through, and everything in between (1 Thessalonians 2:8, Romans 12:10, 15).

Suggested time: 10-20 minutes

Take some time to look back at your answers in the Lent Guide this week under Evening Prayer:

- · How are you doing? Do you have any practical needs?
- What can you thank God for this week?
- When were you most aware of Jesus' presence this week?
 When were you least aware of Jesus' presence this week?

2. Giving:

Jesus tells us where our treasures go, our hearts will follow. Whereas discontentment is counting what you don't have, generosity reverse-engineers our hearts to count what we do have as we help provide needs for one another (Matthew 6:21).

Suggested time: 5-10 minutes

As a group we want to be reminded of 3 ways to be generous at this time:

- Utilize recurring online giving for regular tithe (<u>Downtown</u>, <u>Lexington</u>, <u>Two Notch</u>)
- Meet the practical needs of those in our group
- Check the website for ways to help others during this time of crisis

3. Scripture Discussion:

God uses His Word to reveal Himself to us, equip us to live the good life He's designed for us, show us our sin, and strengthen us as we follow Him (2 Timothy 3:16-17. Colossians 1:9-12. and James 1:22-25).

Suggested Time: 10-20 minutes

Take some time to look back at your answers in the Lent Guide this week under Morning Reading

- How are you abiding with Jesus (Bible reading and prayer) this week?
- What has Jesus been teaching you through these practices?

Take this morning's scripture passage and, as a group, do a Meditative reading based on this passage. (For more on Lectio Divina, turn to pages 8 & 9 in your Lent guide)

4. Engage the Heart:

Jesus calls us to walk in the light, confessing our sins to God and each other. God's Spirit works through confession and community to lead us to repentance. (Romans 3:23-24, James 5:16 and 1 John 1:5-10)

Suggested Time: 20-40 minutes

Take some time to look back at your answers in the Lent Guide this week under Morning Reading and Evening Prayer

- What sin do you need to confess to God? What are you struggling to trust Jesus with this week? How can you give Him control of it?
- Has the Holy Spirit been prompting you to do anything that you've been resisting? What step(s) do you need to take to walk in obedience?
- What is God doing in your life and heart in light of the current situation and circumstances?

Pray

Close your time together by praying for one another

- Pray for the Spirit to work in you as you take steps of repentance
- Pray for God to meet the needs of those in your group
- Pray for the sick and vulnerable