



## LifeGroup Guide

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*"If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world."*

- CS Lewis

### Catch Up On Life:

*This is when we update each other on the day in and day out happenings of our lives. As church family, we care about each other's lives: what we're celebrating, what we're mourning, what decisions we're praying through, and everything in between. (1 Thessalonians 2:8, Romans 12:10 and 15)*

- **Celebrate the wins** - where have you seen Jesus working in the last week (shaping you to be more like Himself or working in the lives of those that He's put around you)?
- What (if any) big life updates do you need to catch us up on (positive or negative)?

**Pray:** Take every opportunity to pray and thank God for the good He's doing in our lives, and ask for help and healing anywhere there is pain.

### Review the Mission:

*Just like God the Father sent Jesus on a mission of reconciliation for us, Jesus sends us out as ambassadors of His reconciliation. We are called to make disciples wherever we go. (John 20:21 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-20)*

#### People:

- **Reactive** - Who in your life (family, coworkers, etc.) can we join you in praying for? Who has God put around you that is showing spiritual interest? Who is hurting and could use some love from our group?
- **Proactive** - Who are the people we are intentionally living on mission with (neighbors, STC partner organizations, or a specific demographic in Columbia)? What are our upcoming plans to love, serve and build relationships with this group?

#### Plan:

- Are there any rhythms already planned, or an extra rhythm we could plan to create a way for these friends to connect with our group?

**Pray:** Prayer is the fuel of God's mission. Let's pray for our people by name; pray for their needs, and opportunities to have spiritual conversations that help them take next steps toward Jesus.

## Sermon Discussion:

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

**Primary Passages:** John 14:1-11

Read and Recap: Have someone read John 14:1-11 and recap the highlights from this week's sermon.

- Are there any ways that you struggle to accept Jesus' statement that He is the way, the truth, and the life, and that there is no other way to the Father but through Him?
- What truths from Scripture would reframe your understanding?
- In what ways do you see people around you struggle to accept this claim or reject it? Give some examples.
- What would you say to them in response?

*Every Group  
Around the Pool*

**Pray** that our LifeGroup would grow in recognizing when we may be tempted to turn from the way that Jesus has called us into living.

**Pray** for the Spirit to convict us of any ways we may be trying to work ourselves into a salvation that can only come from Jesus.

## 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)*

- What sinful thoughts or habits have you experienced this week as a product of any disbelief you have about Jesus or who He has made you to be?
- What truth does the gospel offer in response to the lies about Jesus and yourself that you are acting on? (Rest of LG speak into their lives: How does the gospel address and free him/her up?)
- What steps of repentance do you need to take? How can we help you walk in repentance?

**Pray:** James tells us that a community that regularly confesses sin and prays for each other will see a lot of healing. Confess your sins in prayer and pray for each other.