

# FAQ'S



## ***Our Most Frequently Asked Questions***

### **Why Life Groups?**

We created Life Groups to connect people to:

- **God**
- **the Bible**
- **and other Christians.**

We believe spiritual growth happens when these three connections are made. Life Groups are aimed to hit “spiritual targets” throughout the year that help us be more successful in following Jesus everyday.

### **How Important Are Life Groups?**

Life Groups are the place where the real ministry of the church takes place as we encourage, support, and challenge one another. God doesn't want any of us to be left to walk alone – we need each other. We want to be a church, not a crowd!

### **What Is A Life Group?**

A Life Group is made up of 10-12 people who meet weekly in someone's home to study, to share, and to support one another in their Christian lives. Each group is led by a trained leader and host couple. A typical meeting lasts for an hour and a half, beginning or ending with light refreshments.

### **How Long Does A Group Last?**

Each Life Group session lasts 10 or 11 weeks. Basically, we've broken the year into 4 quarters or sessions. At the end of each quarter, you have the choice of staying in the same group, trying a new group, or even taking a break. Most groups stay together throughout the entire year. However, groups do not meet June through August, though some continue to meet informally or socially through the summer.

### **Which Group Should I Join?**

We suggest you join a group based on your “station in life” rather than on geography or the most convenient night of the week. We've found that a group works best when you share common interests, backgrounds, marital status or similar aged children. Frankly, sometimes it might take two or three groups before you find the perfect fit. But don't worry, you'll find it!



### **What Is The Required Commitment?**

Joining a Life Group requires a 10 to 11-week commitment to attend the weekly meetings and to do the homework ahead of time. Obviously, allowances are made for sickness, vacation, work conflicts, and other special events...but not much more! We have found that this commitment is the key to strong relationships and healthy groups.

### **What Will We Study?**

The studies are based on the previous weekend's sermon. Our Life Groups are built upon what we call a "Lecture-Lab" model. If you imagine the weekend sermon as a lecture on Christian living, then the group meeting is a lab where you get to roll up your sleeves and discuss how the sermon works out in real life.

Each week there will be a series of Bible passages and questions to study and complete before your meeting. The homework is included on the back of the sermon note sheet found in your bulletin. It will usually take 20 to 30 minutes to complete the homework.

### **How Will A Life Group Benefit My Child?**

There are many ways. First, let's start with you - the best gift you can give your child is a "growing" parent. Research shows that kids do spirituality, do marriage, and do life like their parents. What a difference it will make to your children if they come along with you and see you studying and praying with other adults. Chances are they will grow up doing the same thing!

Our children need the same thing adults need: God, the Bible and significant relationships with other Christians. At church, your children learn about God and pray but they don't get the opportunity to build "significant" relationships with other children. This has to happen outside classroom time. Our children need other Christians to grow and experience life with. They will build these relationships in Life Groups.

Everyone says that we need good role models for our children now more than ever. Each week, either at the beginning or end of your study time, a group of Christian adults will interact with your children through conversations and prayer. This will be a meaningful time for everyone!



## What Will My Kids Do At a Life Group?

What the kids do may vary depending on your leader and host. We encourage groups to let the kids free-play in the home and to follow the house rules as set by the host. Some groups may opt to have a brief teaching point or structured activity with one of the adults or teens. This would only be for a brief time because we want the kids to have free-play in order to build friendships.

*\*If you wish for your children to be involved in a Life Group, be sure to sign-up for one that has adults and children.*

## What About Wednesday Night Live for Youth?

Wednesday Night Live will meet on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30pm. Young people need this night that is specifically designed to meet their needs. Their night already includes the important elements for growth to happen: worship, study, prayer, and fellowship.

## When And Where Do These Groups Meet?

Our Life Groups meet on various days and nights of the week in homes throughout the community. We understand that everyone is busy. That's why we've made it a priority to provide you with more options. We will continue to expand our ministry to more days and times.

## How Do I Sign Up?

Church wide sign-ups begin at the start of each new session (in September, December, and March). You can also sign up before or after any weekend worship service or by calling the church office. Our pastors and staff will be happy to help you find just the right group for you. Those who are new to the church (start attending in the middle of a session) can sign up and join any group that has openings without waiting for the start of a new session.

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