

LifeGroup Time Guide

This LifeGroup Guide is intended to help our LifeGroups establish consistent practices of (1) reflecting on and sharing our spiritual lives, (2) praying & working together as Christ's witnesses, (3) discussing and applying God's Word to our lives, and (4) actively fighting against sin together. We believe that being consistent with these practices will help us grow and mature as disciples.

1. God Sightings & Spiritual Practices: (30 Minutes)

Purpose: This section is designed to help us **reflect** on our past week through a Godward lense and **share** with the group how our week has been from that Godward perspective.

Note: *This is not a time to simply share how your day or week has gone. Rather, it is a time to update each other on either how you have been seeking Jesus and/or what Jesus has been doing in your life.*

To help you think of what you can share, if it's helpful, you can simply choose to answer one of these questions:

- What has my prayer life looked like during the last week?
- Have I meditated on God's Word by reading the bible, doing a personal devotional, listening to sermons, or in any other way?
- How have I seen God answer prayer in the last week?
- How have I seen God at work in me and around me in the last week?

2. Review the Mission: (10-20 Minutes)

Colossians 4:3

At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ,

Purpose: This section is designed to help us **pray** and **plan** for God to work through us and our church as we join Him in His mission.

We are witnesses of Christ's goodness and love. We review the mission each week so we can collectively join Jesus in His mission as we follow Him together.

PRAY

Use this link to find prayer prompts related to the Benedict College Ministry and the students at Benedict College that we have met through our partnership with BCM [here](#). BCM Ministry Leadership put in a special request that EVERY time we pray for the ministry we pray for salvation and revival on the campus. So as the prayer prompts for BCM change over time let's always put at the front of our minds the desire there is for the Holy Spirit to move in the hearts of students on Benedict's campus.

PLAN

Are there any rhythms we can plan that can help us share the love of Christ with someone we've prayed for during Review The Mission?

- Going on a prayer walk as a lifegroup. If you are interested in prayer walking as a lifegroup, please email Executive Minister Dom Francis at dfrancis@midtowncolumbia.com
- Attending game night as a lifegroup and inviting people who may need a church home

3. Sermon Discussion: (20-40 Minutes)

There is no bible study section this week to allow for extra time to discuss the application of the sermon.

Sermon Discussion

1. What was said in the sermon that was beneficial for you?

2. Read [Proverbs 27:23-27](#). Do you have a good, thorough understanding/knowledge of your current financial situation?
 - If so, what do you use to help you have that understanding/knowledge?
 - If not, what can you do to help you practice financial wisdom?
3. What are areas of strength and weakness for you when it comes to honoring the Lord with your finances?
4. How does the character of God lead us towards growth in generosity?

4. Engage the Heart: (20-40 Minutes)

Purpose: The purpose of this section is to help us grow as followers of Jesus through the biblical practices of (1) confessing sin, (2) Encouraging one another in the truth of God's Word, and (3) praying for each other.

Hebrews 3:12-13 *Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. 13 But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.*

Use this time to:

1. Confess sin in your life and victories over temptation that you've experienced
2. Encourage, exhort, and admonish each other with the Word of God
3. Pray for each other

Questions to consider:

- Where have you been yielding to sin in your life?
- What are you struggling to trust God with this week? How can you give God control of it?
- Has the Holy Spirit been prompting you to do anything that you've been resisting?
- What steps do you need to take to obey God?

Use this [link](#) to access a resource you can use to find scriptures for encouraging each other in various areas of sin and unbelief in your lives. There is also a video provided to

help you use this resource.