midtown FELLOWSHIP

LifeGroup Guide

Catch Up On Life

This is when we update each other on the things that Jesus has been up to in our lives since we last saw each other. As 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 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

1.) 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?

2.) 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: 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.

Bible Study - 2 Timothy

For four weeks, we will be studying the four chapters in the book of 2nd Timothy.

Pray: We are dependent upon the Holy Spirit to use the Word of God to transform us. Pray that He would open your eyes to the truth of His Word and that God would change you as you study this chapter together.

Read Today's Text: 2 Timothy 2:1-26

Break up the chapter into manageable chunks of verses and take turns reading until you have read the entire chapter out loud.

Chapter Discussion

What initially stands out to you from this chapter?

Take 5 minutes to quietly meditate on and write down what about the passage makes you stand in awe of God. After the 5 minutes are up, share what you wrote down with the group.

Take 5 minutes to quietly meditate on and write down what about this passage challenges you. After the 5 minutes are up, share what you wrote down with the group.

Take 5 minutes to quietly meditate on and write down how we should apply this passage. After the 5 minutes are up, share what you wrote down with the group.

Discuss what you, as a group, should pray about in light of this passage. Pray about those things together.

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 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?

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.