

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 its 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 the link below to find prayer requests for our neighbors in **The Colony Apartments** that our Prayer Walk team has met and prayed for. Please pray for 3 of the neighbors you see on the prayer list, [here](#).

- If you are interested in going on prayer walks, you can sign up to join the Prayer walk team [here](#).

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?

Examples include but are not limited to:

- Prayer Walking together as a LifeGroup
- Visiting BCM together to spend time with Benedict College students
- Church Outreach Events
- Planning something fun/enjoyable to do together that you want to invite people to

3. Bible Study & Sermon Discussion: (20-40 Minutes)

Purpose: The purpose of this section is help LifeGroup Members grow as followers of Jesus by weekly (1) **utilizing a bible study method** that LifeGroup members can utilize in their own time and (2) **discussing** the application of the preached Word of God.

Pray that God would open your hearts and eyes to His truth and that He would make this time fruitful, encouraging, and transformative.

Read the text: Luke 12:34-40

34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 35 "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, 36 and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. 37 Blessed are those servants[g] whom the master finds awake when he comes.

Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. 38 If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! 39 But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. 40 You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

Bible Study

Note: *We ask the same three questions each week during Bible Study time to help our LifeGroups discuss God’s Word and to help you have a method of studying the bible that you can practice in your daily life as you read and meditate on God’s Word.*

Spend some time silently reflecting and journaling the following questions as a LifeGroup:

1. What stands out from the passage?
2. What does this passage reveal to us about God?
3. What does this passage reveal to us about people?

Share with one another what you thought, reflected, and wrote about.

Sermon Discussion:

Note: *These questions are intended to help us consider and apply the taught word of God to our lives. We value this discussion time because when we share with others what God is showing us, it helps us encourage each other through God’s Word.*

1. What was said in the sermon that was beneficial for you?
2. In the sermon, it was said that God wants to use the money that He has blessed us with for (1) our provision, (2) our enjoyment, and (3) for blessing others. Based on the way you manage God’s money, which of these do you tend to overvalue? Which do you undervalue?
3. What truths about God do we need to remember to help us be faithful in managing God’s money?

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

Purpose: This section is designed 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.*

Proverbs 28:13 *One who conceals his wrongdoings will not prosper, but one who confesses and abandons them will find compassion.*

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

Note: *This is not simply a time to share/vent things that are difficult in our lives and get. This is a time concentrated specifically on fighting sin in our lives through confession, repentance, and encouragement through God's Word.*

If you are having difficulty thinking of what you can confess, consider the questions below:

- 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?