

# 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 time to share and pray about people in your life that you want to see come to know Jesus.

## **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?

- Prayer Walking together as a lifegroup
- Attending game night as a lifegroup and inviting people who may need a church home

## **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:** [Ecclesiastes 4:7-12, Proverbs 27:5-6](#)

## **Bible Study**

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

1. What was said in the sermon that was beneficial for you?
2. Discuss ways that as a group, can you grow in being there for each other in difficult times?
  - Do you need to be more open about the difficulties in your lives?
  - Do you need to do a better job of responding when people share difficulties in their lives?
  - Would it be beneficial for you to have a discussion where you share some of your favorite things as was alluded to in the sermon?
3. How does being a good friend honor and glorify God?

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

**Read Proverbs 27:5-6**

*5 Better is open rebuke than hidden love. 6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy.*

Take a few moments and consider whether or not there are any direct rebukes or any strong words of encouragement that you should share with someone in your group to help them grow in their walk with Christ. Share what you believe needs to be shared.

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.