

WHY SHOULD I JOIN A LIFE GROUP?

- We all need a place of community where we can develop lasting relationships with others. Relationships are essential for continued spiritual growth. Attending worship on Sunday morning is a great way to connect with God [vertical], while Life Groups are designed to connect with others [horizontal].

WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT WHEN I ATTEND A LIFE GROUP?

- Life Groups are devoted to accomplishing 4 things, which is what the early church in the Bible was devoted to in Acts 2:42: Biblical teaching, fellowship, connecting, and prayer.

WHEN DO LIFE GROUPS MEET?

- Life Groups meet each week on different evenings for about two hours. They gather from September - November and then take a winter break. Life Groups return from January - May and then take a summer break. Most groups continue to meet periodically during the summer break for service projects and connecting events.

WHAT DO LIFE GROUPS STUDY?

- Life Groups study the same topic and material presented in the Sunday morning message. The group leader digs deeper into the Scriptures and then leads discussion on how to personally and practically apply the biblical truths. The goal is to make the weekly messages “stick” so that everyone can remember and apply God’s Word.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF SERMON-BASED LIFE GROUPS?

- Increases Sunday morning attendance and attentiveness because people know they will be discussing the sermon material later in the week.
- Enhances Life Group discussions because people are already familiar with the weekly topic and have spent time thinking about it.
- Unifies the church by experiencing and applying the same topics and subjects at the same time.

<u>LIFE GROUPS</u>	<u>REFUEL CLASSES</u>
Sermon-based	Specific topical or Scriptural study
Relationship oriented	Information oriented
Meet throughout the year	Meet 4-6 weeks
Meet in homes during the week	Meet at WCC on Sunday morning
Relationship oriented	Information oriented
Grow through connecting and caring	Grow in knowledge and understanding

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