

LIFEGroup Gathering Guide

Warm Ups (15 Min)

- Everyone share a “High” from the week and a “Low” from the week.
- Everyone share a “God moment” from the week.

Scripture Study (30 Min)

- If you attended worship this morning, what’s one thing you took away?
- At Renewal we often talk about the narrative of scripture and how God is the same in the Old Testament and New Testament. Why might that be hard concept for some people?
- Sometimes have a hard time seeing God’s love in the OT. Read Nehemiah 9:17, Jonah 3:8-10, Isaiah 54:10, Nahum 1:1. Did any of those passages surprise you?
- Sometimes we have a hard time seeing God’s wrath in the NT. Read John 2:13-16 and Acts 4:32-11. Did those surprise you? Would you answer the phrase “WWJD” differently now?
- Sometimes we forget that the call to love your neighbor and share the good news with the world was an OT calling before it was a NT one. Read Genesis 12:3, Exodus 19:6, Leviticus 19:9-18. Did you think that people in the OT were supposed to hate outsiders?
- God’s heart to create a multiplying people is also visible in the OT. Read Isaiah 2:1-4.
- Why is it important to be able to articulate the consistency of the scriptural narrative?
- The Jews at the time of Jesus’ incarnation had forgotten many of the OT passages encouraging them to love all people and show God’s grace to the world. How can we avoid developing similar blind spots, in order to ensure we’re truly multiplying God’s kingdom, not a twisted version of Christianity?

Group Prayer (15 Min)

Trios (20 Min)

Same gender groups of three. If numbers are uneven, go to groups of two.

- Spiritual Velocity:
 - How did you see God at work in your life this week?
 - What has God been teaching you in His Word as you’ve encountered it in this week’s Life Journal readings, Sunday message, or LIFEGroup study?
 - What’s an area of your life in which you know you need to repent or grow? How can we encourage you?
- Joining Jesus on His Mission:
 - What kind of conversations are you having with non-Christians? How’s your 3-2-1 challenge going? Share about connections you’re building and spiritual conversations you’re having with non-believing neighbors and friends.
 - List the names of non-Christians in your life that you can pray for:

 - What good can we do around here? (Missional party? Service project?)
 - How can we help each other, our neighbors, and our city in prayer?