

# LIFEGROUPS

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## INTRO & ICE BREAKER

**Introduce yourself and answer this:** What was your favorite thing about the new building?

## RECAP & DISCUSSION

In this week's message, Pastor Chris opened up our series of talks FaithFULL where we are diving in on how to be full of faith. Oftentimes in life we are looking for the next place to go and we have desires to get to places we want to be, however, we do not always know how to get to the place we are longing to be. Our own ways of doing things gets in the way of allowing God to take over and lead us.

**Discussion:** Let's spend a few moments sharing what stood out to us from the message on Sunday. What was new or unexpected? What impacted you the most? What did you talk about after service?

Pastor Chris talked about how we have to learn how to be less in our lives so that God can be MORE in our lives. We may believe in God, but we do not have a big faith in God. Although it is difficult to do, we need to learn how to be second in our lives so that we can get to where God has for us.

**Discussion:** Why is it so hard to give up control to God, who wants more for us than we could ever imagine? What are some areas in your life where it is difficult to become second and allow God to be first?

**Have someone read:** John 14:1-6

In this passage, Jesus has been with his disciples for 3 years now, and he just told him he was going to die. Now some of the disciples probably did not think this was going to play out, as Jesus often taught lessons in stories. The last thing Jesus said before these verses was that Peter was going to deny him.

Jesus begins to be very clear in this passage that he has prepared a place in his Father's house for us, but the only way to that place is through him. We may wonder where God is taking us in certain seasons of our lives, because we look out the window and we think, "God this is not an enjoyable scene," and we may feel stuck. However, we must submit and know the only way to the place Jesus has for us is through him.

**Discussion:** Have you ever felt stuck and did not know how your life was going to get any better? How did you get out of those seasons? Or if you are in one, how can you submit it all to God and allow him to take over control?

Pastor Chris continued to explain that we can work so hard to find our place here on earth, but it will be tiring and exhausting following our own way. Jesus is offering us to put full belief in him. Our way has not allowed us to get to where we want to be and it never will. God has a place prepared for each and every one of us (he has a place for our marriage, our career, our kids, etc.), but we are not prepared for it, and he is now preparing us.

**Discussion:** Are you allowing God to prepare YOU for your place? What are the prepared places that you desire to be, and what can we do this week to allow God to start preparing us for those?

Finally, Pastor Chris gave us some practicals on how to take this home.

**Discussion:**

1. Having a relationship with Jesus. Jesus qualifies us to be let in to live eternity with a perfect God in a perfect place. The difference between heaven and hell is not good or bad people, it is forgiven and unforgiven people.
2. Jesus wants to remind us that he knows we believe in him and that the places we desire to be are through him.
  - a. Have you been comfortable just believing in Jesus and not being full of faith?
  - b. Where are the areas in your life that you could realign priorities of time and energy so that Jesus gets more of that priority in your life?

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Reminder that we are still using the RSVP system for Sundays through Easter!
  - Ask your Life Group Leader for the RSVP link or check your texts from Our City!
- Come serve with us on Sundays! Since moving into our new church home (woohoo) and adding a second service, we need to build up our serve teams!
  - <https://ourcity.churchcenter.com/people/forms/273609> or email ***KatieM@ourcity.church***

## PRAY

One of the things that we want to focus on each season of Life Groups is to get comfortable praying out loud together. Close out your time together with prayer. If you're a newer Life Group, the leader can set an example by leading in prayer, but explain that we'll all be doing this over the next few weeks together. Explain that prayer is simply talking to God - there aren't perfect words to say. Next week, encourage someone else to close in prayer!

Are there any prayer requests or praise/celebrations?

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