

Life Groups

I know I have said this at the beginning of each Life Group Guide this year, but it is because I mean it **THANK YOU** so much for your ongoing commitment to leading an Everyday Church Life Group. In a growing church it is impossible for anyone to know everyone, but it is essential that everyone knows, and is known by someone. That is why what you do in building community is so important and is so valued.

There is a limit to how much we can say in a 30 minute preach on a Sunday. Jesus was very clear in his parable of the wise and foolish builder (Matt 7:24-27), that wisdom comes from both hearing the Word of God and applying it to our lives. Life Groups provide an opportunity to discuss what was taught on a Sunday, but also to hold one another accountable to how we can apply that truth to our lives.

I continue to get positive feedback on how people are using the weekly written and video devotions in our Life Groups and you can find these each week through the Everyday App, on the Media section of the website <https://www.everyday.org.uk/> and on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/@Everyday.Church>

Each week the written version of the devotion will include scripture references and discussion questions to help your group unpack and apply the sermon from that week.

Our goal in these guides has always been to equip you as a Life Group Leadership and if there are other ways of producing these guides, or if you would like us to return to the specific weekly guide, please let us know. You can email me on simon.elliott@everyday.org.uk

Exodus – Weeks 12-18 (Plus New Ground Sunday 😊)

Preaching through the same book for 5 months can seem like a slow process, but we are discovering that it really is a whistle stop tour. We are moving quickly from event to event. This is one of the reasons we produced a verse by verse reading plan. Please feel free to keep encouraging people to pick this up and use it in their personal times with God. If someone is new to your group or the reading plan, tell them not to worry about trying to catch up – simply pick up on a particular day and take it from there 😊 You can find the reading plan via the app or on the website <https://www.everyday.org.uk/>

Wb 11th June: New Ground Sunday – an opportunity to celebrate being part of the bigger picture of New Ground and to pray for Kingdom impact and church growth across the nations.

Wb 18th June: God's presence with his people **Exodus 33** What makes us unique is that God is with us -how do we work this out today?

Wb 25th June: Grumbling and Golden Calves **Exodus 32** Easy idolatry and the power of perspective – keeping thankful and focused on God

Wb 2nd July: Power of a generous community **Exodus 35:4-36:7** Everyone and everything matters to God – working together with our gifts to honour God and others

Wb 9th July. The Tabernacle **Exodus 25-27; 36:8-38:31; 40:1-33** The central place of worship and how the tabernacle points to Jesus

Wb 16th July: The Priesthood **Exodus 28-29; 39**
of leadership today

Why priests? Why holiness? The importance

Wb 23rd July: Epilogue – the Glory of the Lord 😊
learned and what next?

Exodus 40:34-38

What we have

Developing a missional culture

If you were at the ASK meeting on the 19th April, or in Wimbledon on the 16th April you will have seen the graphic below before:

It summarises the spheres that most of us operate within. In each of these spheres there are people deeply loved by God, who are not yet fully aware of that love. Part of our Kingdom calling is to take every opportunity to share God's love and our faith in these spheres. At the ASK prayer meeting I reminded us of a simple model that we can all follow.

Prayer – Praying that God would bless those in our spheres of influence and that God would grow his compassion in our hearts for those around us.

Care – expressing God's unconditional love and compassion to those in our spheres of influence through acts of kindness. Showing a real interest in people, not because they are evangelistic projects, but because God delights in them and wants us to delight in them.

Share – sharing our faith with those who ask us through answering questions with sensitivity, brevity and wisdom.

I would love to invite you to regularly make space in your Life Group meetings over the coming weeks to pray for those in your spheres of influence and share any opportunities you have had to share God's love or an aspect of your faith.

