

LIFE GROUP GUIDE: Prayer & Faith Sharing

March 25-31, 2018

PREPARE:

Before your group arrives, make sure you take a few minutes to review the Life Group video and the Life Group Guide.

- Remember, the best life group leaders have questions highlighted and a direction for where they are taking people for the discussion for the evening. The less you can look to the guide for conversation, the better.
- Test your video and display ahead of time.
- Pray for a powerful gathering just before members show up.

WELCOME:

Take a few minutes to welcome Life Group members.

VIDEO: "REACH"

Watch the video together. Pastor Jonathan will be setting up the discussion on Prayer and Sharing Your Faith.

SCRIPTURE:

Tonight will be slightly different. We will have 3 different passages to discuss that all center on the topics at hand.

2 Peter 3:8-9 (NIV)

⁸But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. ⁹The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

Romans 10:1-4 (NIV)

¹Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved. ²For I can testify

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about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge. ³Since they did not know the righteousness of God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. ⁴Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

Galatians 5:22-26 (NIV)

²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

REFLECTION:

Provide a couple of minutes for quiet reflection on the passage, so your Life Group members can collect their thoughts and questions.

We recommend asking before reflection time "What stands out to you as we begin to reflect on praying for those who do not yet know Christ or sharing our faith?"

OVERALL QUESTIONS:

- What's the hardest part of sharing your faith with others?
- Do you have any stories of sharing your faith with others that went well or went poorly? What did you learn from that experience?
- Who are you currently praying for, or you would like to begin praying for, to come to know the goodness of

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the Savior? (You may want to encourage the group to also commit to praying for that person together).

- The 2 Peter passage talks about patience for those to come to know Christ. How could you grow in this area?
- 2 Peter says God wants everyone to come to repentance. What are the kinds of people that are hardest for you to believe can come to know Jesus?
 - *(An optional question used only for personal reflection instead of discussion:)* What are the type of people you struggle to love or share the Good News with because you don't really like them?
- In Romans 10:1, Paul shares his heart that those in his life would come to be saved. What do you do (or what have you found that helps) to orient your heart to care for those who have not yet met Christ?
- In Galatians 5, what fruit of the spirit do you see someone emulating well in someone else in your life group? (Use this time to encourage others in the group.)
- Galatians 5:26 gives the antithesis to the fruits of the spirit. Which of these three do you think are hardest for Christians?

PRAYER:

Pray together. Encourage people to pray for their friends who don't know Jesus.

RESOURCE:

If someone is looking for further thoughts on this topic, we recommend they listen to Pastor Bob's current sermon series on "Contagious Faith" at rcalvary.org/messages.

THANK YOU FOR BEING FAITHFUL AS A LG LEADER!