

LIFE GROUP GUIDE: It's Personal WEEK of April 28-May 4 2019

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.
- Pray for a powerful gathering just before members show up.

WELCOME:

Take a few minutes to welcome Life Group members.

VIDEO:

Watch the video together. Pastor Jonathan will be setting up the discussion on A Personal Relationship with God.

SCRIPTURE:

Read the following passage from Hebrews 8 together.

Hebrews 8:7-13 (NIV)

⁸ But God found fault with the people and said:

“The days are coming, declares the Lord,
when I will make a new covenant
with the people of Israel
and with the people of Judah.

⁹ It will not be like the covenant

I made with their ancestors
when I took them by the hand
to lead them out of Egypt,

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because they did not remain faithful to my covenant,
and I turned away from them,
declares the Lord.

¹⁰This is the covenant I will establish with the people of
Israel

after that time, declares the Lord.

I will put my laws in their minds
and write them on their hearts.

I will be their God,
and they will be my people.

¹¹No longer will they teach their neighbor,
or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,'
because they will all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest.

¹²For I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more.”

¹³By calling this covenant “new,” he has made the first one
obsolete; and what is obsolete and outdated will soon
disappear.

REFLECTION:

Say something like:

*Let's take 3-5 minutes for some quiet reflection on the
passage, on what the new covenant means, and what a
personal relationship with God looks like.*

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QUESTIONS/OBSERVATIONS/SCRIPTURES:

- What is the meaning of a “new covenant” and what doors does this new covenant open?
 - Possible follow up: What questions do you have about the old covenant and the new covenant? *Note: It's ok if you don't have every answer. Sometimes just having space to dialogue is helpful.*
- Verse 10 says, “I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God and they will be my people.” What do you think this means and what implications does it have for our lives?
- Verse 11 talks about God knowing us. What does a personal relationship with God mean to you?
- When you talk to God, what is that experience like for you?
 - *Possible follow up: What do you picture when you talk to God?*
- God makes covenants and promises in this passage. Do you have a testimony of what a personal God has done in your life?
 - *(Idea is to land here for a while and allow several people to share their stories).*
- What do you struggle with the most in your personal relationship with God?
- How would you describe your personal relationship with God to someone who does not believe in Him?

PRAYER:

Pray together.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING IN THIS ROLE!
WE APPRECIATE YOU!