

Devoted

Living deeply and widely in the family of God



Life Group Connection Guide

Seeks to help you dig deeper into God's Word on your own and aid in your discussion in a Life Group during the week. Follow the simple prompts below in a journal or together in a small group setting. If you would like to join a midweek Life Group, please contact: jon@neighborhoodchurch.com

Mar. 15 — Devoted to Celebration (Acts 2:46 & Leviticus 23)

- **Welcome & Ice Breaker:**
 - *The Memory Tray Challenge: you'll need to gather 15-20 objects (pen, coin, keys, water bottle, etc.) and place them on a tray or table. Give everyone 30 seconds to look at the items and then, cover the items up. Have everyone write down everything they can remember. The winner would be the person who remembers the most items. Add a twist: ask them to remember the order of the objects on the tray. Close it out by asking what was easy to remember. What was hard to remember? What helped you remember?*
- **Important Dates:**
 - **AlbaniaCuba Missions Share Night** Saturday, Mar 22 @ 6-7:30PM • Cypress Campus, Worship Center
 - **Easter Trunk Hop** Sat, Mar 28 @ 3:30-5:30PM • Decorate your car trunk for a community kids event!
 - Interested in helping out? Email: kids@neighborhoodchurch.com
 - **Camp Aid** Help send Neighborhood Church kids & students to camp • Donate anytime!
- **Opening Prayers:**
 - **Hold yourself before the Lord // Psalm 139:23**
 - *What emotions are you feeling as you come to Life Group?*
 - Hold all of yourself out to Him and sit quietly • Allow God to come close to you & care for you in prayer right now • Listen for His voice/presence/leading
 - **Hold what you are holding before the Lord // Psalm 90:17**
 - *What are you dealing with, working on, preparing for?*
 - Hold it out to Him and sit quietly • Allow God to come close to you & establish the work of your hands • Listen for His voice/presence/leading
 - **Return • Recommit • Repent • Reattach to the LORD who is with you // Psalm 139:24**
 - Draw near to God as He draws near to you
 - *"Heavenly Father, I live and have my being in You: I humbly pray You would so guide & govern me by Your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations in my life that I may not forget You, but may remember that I am ever walking in Your sight; through Jesus Christ my Lord, amen."*
- **Scripture Passage: Acts 2:46 & Leviticus 23**
 - Begin by reading the passage out loud; even a few times if it is a shorter passage in order to let it settle down inside you.

- As the Scripture is being read, pay attention to any word, phrase, or feeling that the Holy Spirit may be highlighting to you.
- Then share what you noticed and/or write down your observations as the Spirit leads.
- **Discussion/Personal Reflection**
 - What challenged you, or stood out to you during your devotional time with the Lord Jesus this week?

 - If you were able to hear it, what did the Holy Spirit point out to you personally from Sunday's sermon?

 - Read Joshua 4:4-7. What is Joshua's instruction here? Why do you think He places such a value on us remembering God's faithfulness? What do you do or have you done to remember God's faithfulness in your own life? What helps you remember?

 - Read Psalm 77:11-12. What is the psalmist stressing here? How does joy help us remember God's goodness? What joyful events does the Holy Spirit tend to bring to your mind to help you remember God's goodness to you? How does this grow your faith and transform your heart and outlook?

 - Read Isaiah 46:8-9. Who is the prophet Isaiah addressing here? What is the prophet calling us to focus on here? What part of God's character stands out to you most when you look back on His faithfulness to you? How can remembering this transform some of our challenges?
- **Closing in Prayer:**
 - *Ministries/Missionaries: Eunice Weik*
 - *A Navigator Missionary in CA, AZ, HI, UT*
 - *Please pray for God to provide and for us as a family to deepen our walk with Him as He answers.*
 - Consider those who the Holy Spirit may be placing on your heart to pray for • Hold them up to the Lord for His intervening love in their lives • Allow Him to care for them through your prayer right now.
 - *"Lord, who are You putting on my heart today? Who needs a special touch from You in their life? Who can I hold up to You in prayer?"*