



## 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](mailto:jon@neighborhoodchurch.com)

### May 31 — Grace Given to Others (*Galatians 6:1-18*)

- **Welcome & Ice Breaker:**
  - *Go around the circle and have each person share: 1 word to describe how God met you through this life group this past year? If there is still time, ask: what was the best unexpected win of this past year? What was the funniest fail of the year?*
- **Important Dates:**
  - **Bible Day Camp Registration** Register your kids and/or to serve today @ [neighborhoodchurch.com](http://neighborhoodchurch.com)
  - **Annual Celebration** Sunday, June 7 • SAVE THE DATE • Check Worship Folder for more details!!!
- **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: Galatians 6:1-18**
  - 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 James 5:19-20. How do you think the message of the gospel (God's grace of salvation and life through Jesus) shapes the way we restore fellow believers who are struggling with sin or weakness? Paul calls believers to restore one another "in a spirit of gentleness" (Galatians 6:1). Grace does not ignore sin, but lovingly seeks restoration through truth, humility, and dependence on the Holy Spirit. Have you ever had a fellow believer lovingly restore you? Have you ever been the one to seek out someone to restore? What did you learn from that experience? How did it deepen your discipleship to the Lord Jesus Himself?
  
- Read 1 Thessalonians 5:14. Which of these commands is easy for you? Which of these would you like to grow in? Which of these do you need to grow in? Why is that? What do you think it looks like to "bear one another's burdens" while also taking personal responsibility before God? How do you think the church can better reflect Christ by carrying burdens together? Has there been a time when another brother or sister in Christ carried your burdens? How did that communicate the love of God to you?
  
- Read Philippians 3:7-9. What has Paul received from Christ here? What has Paul been freed from here? What is Paul's focus now that He is in Christ? According to Galatians 6:14-18, what do you think it means to "boast only in the cross of Christ"? How do you think the cross of Christ can reshape our identity, priorities, and relationships with others? What area of your own life (purpose, significance, priorities, and relationships with others) do you desire transformation in because of what Christ did on the cross?

- **Closing in Prayer:**

- Use this time to share prayer requests (with the Lord in a journal or with each other in a Life Group), holding them up to the Lord Jesus for His care & guidance this next week.
- Consider those who the Holy Spirit may be placing on your heart to pray for this day. Seek to hold them up to the Lord for His intervening love in their lives or in your own.
- *"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?"*