

# 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](mailto:jon@neighborhoodchurch.com)

### Feb. 15 — Devoted to Our Local Faith Community (Hebrews 10:24-25)

- **Welcome & Ice Breaker:**
  - Quick poll: coffee before church, at church or after church... or all 3? What's your go-to church outfit vibe: Sunday best or 'Jesus knows my heart' casual? What's the one church announcement you hear every week and still forget? What originally got you connected to church? What got you to stay at Neighborhood Church? If someone asked you why you keep coming to church, what's the simplest answer you'd give?
- **Important Dates:**
  - **Baptism Sunday** Feb. 22 • Have you followed Jesus in being baptized? Contact Pastor Terry
    - [terry@neighborhoodchurch.com](mailto:terry@neighborhoodchurch.com)
- **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*
    - "...I acquiesce to You Abba Father, to work and pray and seek Your own through me"
- **Scripture Passage: Hebrews 10:24-25**
  - 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 Hebrews 10:24. Here we are called to consider—to thoughtfully plan—how we help one another grow. Community isn't accidental; it is formative. How do you think a local faith community/church intentionally shapes who we are and who we become? How does it shape our love and good works? Where has community stretched you to love or serve in ways you wouldn't choose on your own?
  
- Read Hebrews 10:25. This passage assumes that our presence matters. Encouragement is most powerful when believers are known, seen, and heard—especially "as you see the Day approaching." Why do you think the Bible connects encouragement with gathering together? What might we lose spiritually when gathering becomes optional rather than essential?
  
- Read Titus 2:11-14. In Titus & in Hebrews, there is an urgency that points us forward. Community strengthens perseverance, hope, and faithfulness as we await Christ's return. How do you think walking closely with other believers helps you remain faithful when culture, circumstances, or suffering press in? How has your church community helped you fix your eyes on Jesus when the wind & waves have been the hardest?

- **Closing in Prayer:**

- Ministries/Missionaries: *Bruce & Wendy Dower*
  - *Minister to the men and women in the military in The North House at Fort Liberty, North Carolina*
  - *Please pray for a new Sunday study in 1 John. Pray for new folks that joined us for the Job study on Sundays. Pray for deepening relationships at our new church Liberty. Wendy's speaking for the "Liberty moms" group in Feb. Pray for our trip to Normandy with good group from the local ministry in Germany.*
- 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?"*