



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

April 19 — The Transforming Power of Grace (*Galatians 1:11-2:14*)

- **Welcome & Ice Breaker:**

What's a trend or phase you went through that makes you laugh today? What's one skill you've picked up as an adult that surprised you? What would you say motivates you more—internal desire or external pressure? Do you think spiritual change is more instant or gradual? How do you recognize that God is working in you? What's something you used to believe about God that you see differently now?

- **Important Dates:**

- **Pickle Ball Tournament** Saturday, April 26 • Interested? Email: jericho@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
 - *"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 1:11-2:14**

- 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 Acts 9:1-15. How did the grace of Jesus change Paul here? Here we witness Paul receiving the Gospel of grace by special revelation/encounter with the Lord Jesus Himself. Do you think Paul was perfected on the spot? How do we see that transformation is a process here? How has the grace of the Lord Jesus changed you? How is His grace still at work in you? Where would you want His transformation to be complete in you?

- Read Titus 3:4-8. Here Paul gives an incredible complete picture of the gospel of grace. How would you summarize this passage in your own words? What do you notice about the different members of the Trinity here? What sticks out most to you as you hear this passage read? What might the Holy Spirit be highlighting in your heart right now & inviting you to lean into His grace with?

- Read Galatians 1:11-24. Here we hear more of Paul's encounter with the Gospel of Grace revealed to Him by the Lord Jesus Himself. By grace, we are called to play a part in God's redemptive plan for the world. What was Paul's specific calling? What do you suppose is your calling from God as His child in this world? At your workplace? In your neighborhood? At your church? Invite the Spirit to help you respond to the grace that you have been given by Christ Jesus.

- **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?"*