

i *This Life Group discussion guide is meant to encourage growth in knowing Jesus through conversations around the Bible. As you move through the discussion guide you should learn more about God's plan for us and how to apply His truth in real life situations. You'll find your Life Group to be a place for growth in understanding and support for living a life that honors Jesus. The more you know and the more you apply, the more you thrive.*

Life Group Discussion Guide

Talk Title: Influence
Mark 9:1-50

Know:

This is a long passage, 50 verses to be exact. You may choose as a group to read through the whole passage or start at verse 30. From verse 30 pay close attention to the lessons that Jesus is teaching the disciples. Take note of these lessons as they will add to the discussion.

Summarize the whole passage and what you learned from Sunday's message. You may also play "A quick look at Sunday's message" available on our resource page.

Watch Francis Chan's "A warning to young Pastors" on youtube. In this video, Chan points out that pastors are doing a better job of teaching, but are struggling to live out their faith. What kind of influence does this have on the church and the world?

Apply:

Consider how you might influence the three people listed below. How might the way you live around them encourage or discourage their pursuit of God?

- Spouse or close friend _____
- Neighbor _____
- Co-worker _____

Thrive:

As you look back over your life, you must have some stories of when people have either encouraged or discouraged your relationship with God. How have you grown through those experiences and what have you learned?