



Life Group Homework-Leader's Guide

For the week of March 18, 2018

Announcements/Notes:

- **Have fun tonight and savor the final moments you have to connect with your group! Make some plans to stay in contact even after the group is over!**

Getting Started/Getting to Know One Another

1. As a kid, what was your favorite kind of cereal and why?

It might seem a bit juvenile at times to ask questions like this, but I would encourage you to set the energy level high for your group and have fun with this!

2. On Sunday, we talked about “oneness” and how married couples need to be unified! Of the several different facets of that topic, one of them had to do with having fun together. What’s your favorite fun activity/thing to do with your spouse? If you’re single, what’s your favorite thing to do with friends?

Again, this is another question for you to just help people get talking! I mean, who doesn’t like talking about what their favorite activities are?!

Into The Bible

1. Check out Ecclesiastes 4:9-12. Pastor gave an illustration about how that scissors only work well when both blades are used simultaneously. Whether it’s as a couple, group, or church, why do you think that it’s important to work together instead of as individuals in the kingdom of God?

We have to realize that our influence and impact in the kingdom of God isn’t defined by just our “moments of ministry” where we do something BIG for God. Our overall success and longevity in being like Christ and being used by Him is directly correlated to unity and teamwork! Paul had Timothy, Aquila had Priscilla, and Jesus had His disciples. When we partner up with others (whether that is our spouse or any other type of team), our influence is multiplied, we have accountability along the way, there are people there to

pour into us when we get discouraged, we have a greater prayer covering, there is balance in decision making, and the list goes on and on! We were never meant to just do life alone or to serve Christ as an island of one. Whether you’re married or not, God wants us to serve Him in the context of team!

2. Lastly, Pastor Craig talked about being one with Christ. Read 1 Corinthians 6:17, 1 Corinthians 2:12-16, Galatians 3:26-27 and then answer the following question. What do you think it means to be “one with Christ”?

Before we address, the theological aspects of this topic, this question will give people an opportunity to answer in a “no pressure to get it right” kind of way. These verses talk about being one with Him in spirit, body, and mind and each of those elements could be broken down a lot. If needed, bring it back to how being on with Christ means to actively choose to serve Him, to renew your thoughts to be like His, and to submit to His leading!

3. In order to be one with God, we need to be pursuing His likeness. Read Ephesians 5:1-20 which first encourages us to “Be imitators of God” and then lists out a whole bunch of different Godly attributes or their adverse. Write down three elements of this passage that stick out to you the most...

- Walking in love
- Living sacrificially
- Purity
- Being content with what you have
- Being full of thanksgiving
- Using honorable uplifting words
- Being aware that as a Christian you are walking in Light
- Seeking wisdom
- Using time wisely
- Living sober
- Encouraging one another
- Worshiping
- Submitting to others

So What?

1. Since this concludes this spring session of Life Groups, what spiritual concept would you say you've been challenged by the most over the whole session? How do you plan on growing in that in the coming months? Here are some examples that might help jog your memory...

- Being loyal to God and others (Love it and Listed)
- Chasing the lion in general
- Being a rebuilders of walls (speaking life into others and letting God dream for more with you)
- Chasing after spiritual excellence (Go for the Gold)
- Discipline and authentically serving God (Go for the Gold)
- Unlearning your fears/having the mind of Christ (Chase the Lion)
- Letting God change your perspective on your circumstances (Chase the Lion)
- Dreaming for your life and believing that God defies the odds (Chase the Lion)
- Embracing uncertainty and living full of faith (Chase the Lion)

Prayer Requests:

LOVE IT & LISTED

Part 2: Oneness Matthew 19:1-6



L - LOYAL - unswerving in allegiance; faithful to one's oath, commitments, or obligations (1 Corinthians 13:4-8).

O - ONENESS - united, not separate. Moving the same direction. Creating closeness of the soul, body, and spirit.

God brought you together be a "cutting edge" couple for the kingdom. He wants you to experience CLOSENESS and His divine PURPOSE.

Achieving Oneness in 3 Aspects

1. **Body** – coming together physically with both sexual and non-sexual physical AFFECTION. (Proverbs 5:18-20; 1 Corinthians 7:4-5)
2. **Soul** – coming together at a MENTAL & EMOTIONAL level.
 - A. Talk together
 - B. Make decisions together
 - C. Read together
 - D. Exercise/walk together
 - E. Play together
 - F. Eat/Cook together
3. **Spirit** – coming together SPIRITUALLY (1 Peter 3:7)
 - A. Minister together
 - B. Praying together
 - C. Worshipping together