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LIFE GROUPS

ANDERSON CHRISTIAN CHURCH

HELPING YOU DISCOVER GOD'S LOVE,
COMMUNITY WITH OTHERS, AND A LIFE OF PURPOSE

WHAT TO EXPECT

Each gathering will include **4** movements

1 BIBLE:

Discussion based on what God has been teaching, challenging, encouraging each member of the group in their One Thing Study time.

2 PRAYER:

A time of prayer for those in and outside the group, as well as prayer based on where God has been leading in your personal One Thing Study time.

3 MISSION:

Everyone in the group will be encouraged to identify a mission field God has called them to in the church and outside the church. Each week the group leader will facilitate a time of testimony where the group shares successes, frustrations or help needed in living a purposeful life. At least once a year each life group will engage in a ministry project together.

4 EVANGELISM:

We believe that to live a purposeful life, we must be leading people to freedom in Jesus. Groups will discover how to live and share the good news of Jesus and will weekly share who they are praying for and how they are living and sharing this good news.

MOVEMENT 4

MOVEMENT 4 (EVANGELISM)

God's story of love, grace and forgiveness is the greatest story humanity has ever known. As a church, we want to tell this story well, not only with the life that we live, but the conversations we have. We want to encourage you to first identify one to two people in your life who have not put their faith in Christ, who you can begin praying for regularly. Second, use this short outline as an encouraging guide as you talk to them and others about Jesus.

Two Friends I commit to praying for:

1. _____
2. _____

Look for opportunities to talk about Jesus:

Q: Last week you told me about _____ (a difficulty). I wanted you to know that I've been praying for you. How are things going this week?

Q: Do you have a church you're a part of?

Q: Last night in our Life Group... (share a funny story).

Offer the gospel message. Once you're in a conversation about "spiritual things" i.e. prayer, Jesus, church, the Bible, look for an opportunity to explain the gospel (good news) i.e. how Jesus solved the sin problem for humanity and brought us to God's loving forgiveness. Examples:

a. The gospel message in it's simplest form:

1. God loves 2. We sinned 3. Jesus died in our place & rose again 4. God forgave 5. We accept

b. Use John 3:16 (see below).

Volunteer your testimony. In two minutes or less share your testimony – how Jesus has changed your life. Three elements to a good testimony:

1. What my life was like before I met Jesus 2. How I met Jesus 3. How I live in freedom (life has changed) since I met Jesus

Encourage them to move toward Jesus

Creatively challenge them to get to know Jesus.

Q: Would you be interested in coming to church with me this Sunday?

Q: If I got you a Bible or a Bible app, would you read it with me?

Q: How can I be praying for you?

SHARING THE GOSPEL USING JOHN 3:16

John 3:16 is a very simple expression of the Gospel, and can be summed up in 4 phrases: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

1. Good News ("God loved the world"): God loves you.
2. Bad News ("perish"): we are separated from God through sin and need a savior.
3. Good News ("he gave his one and only Son"): Jesus is the savior
4. You Choose ("everyone who believes in him"): Will you put your trust in Him?

MOVEMENT 3

MOVEMENT 3 (MISSION)

Several metaphors are used in the Bible to help us understand the role of the church such as the BODY of Christ. This means all of us who make up the church have the privilege of using our gifts, talents and abilities to continue the ministry Jesus began. In prayer, conversation with others and using the tools below, try to discover where your gifts, talents and abilities could best be used in the church and outside the church i.e. where will you serve in the church and where will you be a missionary in your community? When we love others through acts of service, our lives find purpose and joy.

Tools:

1. Visit www.freeshapetest.com to take a free S.H.A.P.E. assessment. SHAPE stands for Spiritual gifts, Heart, Abilities, Personality, Experiences, and is designed to help you discover how God has uniquely created you to love and serve Him.

2. Here is a list of the primary ministry opportunities to serve in at ACC:
–**KidCity Children's ministry:** a. Nursery b. Preschool c. Elementary
–**Tech, Sound, Computer** –**Worship** –**Safety** –**Special events**
–**Building maintenance** –**Missions outreach** –**Welcome team**
–**Life group facilitator** –**Youth ministry** – **Photography, video, editing**

3. The following is a list of ministries ACC is involved with in the community. For a full list of missions we support, or more information on those listed below, visit: www.accbethechurch.com/missions.

– **Backpack Buddies** – **Camp Calvary** – **CAL** – **SRCF** – **Avenues for Women**
– **Open Hands** – **Kentucky Kids Belong** – **PAL** – **Light Center** – **Mission Journeys** – **Sparrow Missions** – **Dreams Delivered Daily** – **World Gospel Mission** – **Team Expansion** – **Pioneer Bible Translators** – **Vision for Asia** – **We Recovery**

MOVEMENT 1 & 2

There are three items you will need in order to make this time effective:

- a. A Bible
- b. The reading plan on the next page
- c. A notebook dedicated to writing down your answers to the four questions below. Bring this notebook with you to Life Group as this is an important piece of the gathering.

Faithful reading of the bible is as much about our minds as it is about our hearts. In order to have the right heart, we would encourage you to **begin & end your time of bible study with prayer**. Humbly ask God to help you discern His truth and live in obedience to that truth. As you read, ask & journal your answers to the following questions.

Four critical questions to answer when studying the Bible:

1. What does it say? (Comprehension)

As you read, try to identify & write out the general idea of the text. Play the role of a reporter and bombard what you're reading with questions such as: Who are the main characters? What's the subject or object being discussed? What's the issue or problem? Why is the author including this?

2. What does it mean? (Interpretation)

Take the time to figure out the meaning of the passage when it was originally written. You are now playing detective, examining key words, verbs, and metaphors. Pay attention to the context in order to follow the authors flow of thought / "plot."

3. Why is it important? (Association)

Discover the timeless truths associated with the first reader as well as the timeless truths associated with us.

4. What will I do? (Application)

This is where you discover how you will live out the timeless truth which you have discovered. "The Bible wasn't given for our information but for our transformation" (D.L. Moody). Understand, application is obedience and obedience brings joy.

READING SCHEDULE

JOHN

1ST GATHERING - WEEK OF SEP 6TH

Day 1: John 1:1-18

Day 2: John 1:19-34

Day 3: John 1:35-51

Day 4: **Discipleship Challenge:** John 1 features people telling others, "Come & see." Reach out to one person this week & invite them to the group or church.

2ND GATHERING - WEEK OF SEP 13TH

Day 1: John 2:1-12

Day 2: John 2:13-25

Day 3: John 3:1-21

Day 4: **Discipleship Challenge:** Nicodemus sought Jesus at night due to fear or caution. Reflect on where fear is keeping you from openly following Jesus, & pray for courage.

3RD GATHERING - WEEK OF SEP 20TH

Day 1: John 3:22-36

Day 2: John 4:1-26

Day 3: John 4:27-54

Day 4: **Discipleship Challenge:** John the Baptist said, "He must become greater; I must become less." Choose an act of anonymous service today where you get no credit, but Christ does.

4TH GATHERING - WEEK OF SEP 27TH

Day 1: John 5:1-15

Day 2: John 5:16-47

Day 3: John 6:1-24

Day 4: **Discipleship Challenge:** The boy offered his small lunch of 5 loaves & 2 fish. Think about your time, money, talents... Offer a specific "small" resource to God, asking Him to multiply it.

5TH GATHERING - WEEK OF OCT 4TH

Day 1: John 6:25-59

Day 2: John 6:60-71

Day 3: John 7:1-24

Day 4: **Discipleship Challenge:** Many walked away from Jesus in chapter 6 because His teaching was hard. Identify a biblical command you find difficult, & commit to studying it deeply rather than ignoring it.

6TH GATHERING - WEEK OF OCT 11TH

Day 1: John 7:25-52

Day 2: John 7:53-8:11

Day 3: John 8:12-30

Day 4: **Discipleship Challenge:** Reflect on John 7:40-44. In a casual conversation today mention your faith or what God is teaching you.

7TH GATHERING - WEEK OF OCT 18TH

Day 1: John 8:31-59

Day 2: John 9:1-41

Day 3: John 10:1-21

Day 4: **Discipleship Challenge:** The blind man simply shared his testimony: "I was blind, now I see." Write your faith story in three short paragraphs, & practice telling it so you are ready to share.

8TH GATHERING - WEEK OF OCT 25TH

Day 1: John 10:22-42

Day 2: John 11:1-44

Day 3: John 11:45-57

Day 4: **Discipleship Challenge:** Jesus wept with Mary & Martha, showing profound empathy. Call or visit someone you know who is currently walking through a hard season, and simply sit with them in the struggle.

9TH GATHERING - WEEK OF NOV 1ST

Day 1: John 12:1-19

Day 2: John 12:20-50

Day 3: John 13:1-30

Day 4: **Discipleship Challenge:** Jesus washed Judas' feet. Identify someone who has wronged you or dislikes you, & perform an act of kindness for them.

10TH GATHERING - WEEK OF NOV 8TH

Day 1: John 13:31-14:14

Day 2: John 14:15-31

Day 3: John 15:1-27

Day 4: **Discipleship Challenge:** Jesus commanded us to love one another so the world knows we are His. Write an encouraging text or note to a life group member, telling them specifically how you see Christ in them.

11TH GATHERING - WEEK OF NOV 15TH

Day 1: John 16:1-15

Day 2: John 16:16-33

Day 3: John 17:1-26

Day 4: **Discipleship Challenge:** Jesus promises the Holy Spirit as our Advocate & Comforter. Set an alarm on your phone for three different times today to pause for 60 seconds, & ask the Holy Spirit to guide your next steps.

12TH GATHERING - WEEK OF NOV 22ND

Day 1: John 18:1-27

Day 2: John 18:28-40

Day 3: John 19:1-16

Day 4: **Discipleship Challenge:** Pilate asked, "What is truth?" while staring right at the Truth. Unplug from social media, news outlets, and entertainment for 24 hours this week to ground your mind purely on the truth of God's Word.

13TH GATHERING - WEEK OF NOV 29TH

Day 1: John 19:17-42

Day 2: John 20:1-31

Day 3: John 21:1-25