

# SUMMER 2020

NEW SIX-WEEK LIFE GROUPS

Join us in one of our new six-week summer Life Groups. All of these groups are meeting online so you can jump in from wherever you are in the Bay Area or the world. We list the Menlo Church campus that the leader attends in case that information is helpful for you. But, please, jump in to the group that best serves your needs.

## **EXPLORING CHRISTIANITY**

Together we learn and discuss some of the essential beliefs of the Christian tradition. This is for the skeptic, the doubter and the curious. We will explore how these beliefs intersect with everyday living. All are welcome: those who don't believe and those who do. We just ask that you come ready to lean in and honor where each person is on their journey of exploring Christianity.

**LEADER:** [Keith Riley](#)

Contact the leader for more information and the online link.

**WHO:** Men and Women, All Ages

**START DATE AND TIME:** June 30 (Tuesdays, 7pm)

## **MARRIAGE LIFE GROUPS**

### **WHAT HAPPY COUPLES KNOW**

This is a video-based study to help us uncover the expectations, hopes and dreams we bring into our marriages and how they contribute to our current experience. Most importantly, we'll discover how the call to follow Jesus and his example will transform our marriages, as well as all of our relationships.

**LEADER:** [Owen and Amber Lu](#) (San Mateo)

Contact the leader for more information and the online link.

**WHO:** Couples, All Ages

**START DATE AND TIME:** June 30 (Tuesdays, 7pm)



## LOVE TALK

This is a deep yet simple plan that will revolutionize communication in love relationships. The first steps to improving communication in marriage are identifying your fear factors, determining your personal communication styles, and learning how to best interact. Join us in this virtual group as we learn what we need to do—and not do—to speak our spouse’s language in new and profound ways.

**LEADER:** [Bruce and Gena Koch](#) (San Mateo)

Contact the leader for more information and the online link.

**WHO:** Couples, All Ages

**START DATE AND TIME:** June 27 (every other Saturday, 3-4:30pm)



## CHERISH (BOOK STUDY BY GARY THOMAS)

To “cherish” means to keep or cultivate with care and affection. Yet many couples rarely think about the word cherish after their wedding day. In his book, *Cherish*, Gary Thomas shows that although there are many marriages just going through the motions, there are practical ways this pattern can be reversed. When husbands and wives learn to cherish one another in proven, loving, and everyday actions and words, marriages change. Join us for a six-week book study as we dive deeper into practical examples to love our spouses, honor each other, take marriage to the next level, and continue cherishing each other for a lifetime.

**LEADER:** [Anne and Barry Evans](#) (Menlo Park)

Contact the leader for more information and the online link.

**WHO:** Couples, All Ages

**START DATE AND TIME:** July 7 (Tuesdays, 7pm)

## SERMON-BASED LIFE GROUPS

All of our sermon-based groups discuss the weekend sermon, seeking to know one another and take practical steps to apply what they learned from the teaching. You can find our sermons at [menlo.church/messages](http://menlo.church/messages).

▷ **LEADER:** [Margaret Li](#) (South City)

Contact the leader for more information and the online link.

**WHO:** Young Families

**START DATE AND TIME:** June 28 (Sundays, 3pm)

▷ **LEADER:** [Catherine Hickinbotham](#) (San Jose)

Contact the leader for more information and the online link.

**WHO:** Men and Women, All Ages

**START DATE AND TIME:** June 29 (Mondays, 7pm)

▷ **LEADER:** [Ranjani Mohana](#) (Menlo Park)  
Contact the leader for more information and the online link.

**WHO:** For men and women of all ages looking for a group that will always meet online – even after SIP restrictions are lifted.

**START DATE AND TIME:** June 30 (Tuesdays, 7am)

▷ **LEADER:** [Doug Miller](#) (Menlo Park)  
Contact the leader for more information and the online link.

**WHO:** Men, All Ages

**START DATE AND TIME:** July 1 (Wednesdays, 7pm)

▷ **LEADER:** [Karen Ehrke](#) (San Jose)  
Contact the leader for more information and the online link.

**WHO:** Men and Women, All Ages

**START DATE AND TIME:** July 2 (Thursdays, 7pm)

▷ **LEADER:** [Steve and Lily Yao](#) (San Mateo)  
Contact the leader for more information and the online link.

**WHO:** Men and Women, All Ages

**START DATE AND TIME:** July 3 (Fridays, 7pm)

## ***LIFE GROUPS / VARIOUS TOPICS***



### **REUNION**

The Good News of Jesus for Seekers, Saints, and Sinners: Combatting a fragmented version of the good news, a movement of truth-seekers and Jesus-lovers dig into Scripture to rediscover the first and foundational message of Jesus. Join us as we discover our true citizenship in the Jesus nation.

**LEADER:** [Rachelle Summers](#) (South City)  
Contact the leader for more information and the online link.

**WHO:** Women, All Ages

**START DATE AND TIME:** June 30 (Tuesdays, 7pm). This group will meet for 8 weeks.

### **DISCUSSION ON RACIAL JUSTICE**

This is a virtual group will discuss assigned reading and videos on the topic of racial injustice during their weekly meeting. We hope you'll join us!

**LEADER:** [Betty Wan and Tony Suen](#) (Mountain View)  
Contact the leader for more information and the online link.

**WHO:** Men and Women, All Ages

**START DATE AND TIME:** July 2 (Thursdays, 7pm).

## THE DREAM OF YOU

Join us for a special virtual Summer Edition. We'll be discussing with the video series "The Dream of You" by Jo Saxton. Do you feel like the life you lead isn't what you've always dreamt. And maybe the person you've become isn't who you've always imagined. This study will help us discover who God has made us to be and how to live life to the fullest with Him.

**LEADER:** [Jennifer Blatnik](#) (Mountain View)

Contact the leader for more information and the online link.

**WHO:** Women, All Ages

**START DATE AND TIME:** July 1 (Wednesdays, 7:15pm).

## UNWRAP YOUR GIFTS

Every person has been designed by God and given a unique giftedness. When you are aware of your gifts, you are better able to see God's purpose and plan for you fulfilled in and through your life. You are also better equipped to live a meaningful, satisfying and impacting life.

**LEADER:** [Gerry Soderberg](#) (Mountain View)

Contact the leader for more information and the online link.

**WHO:** Men and Women, All Ages

**START DATE AND TIME:** July 2 (Thursdays, 7:15pm)

## LOVE CONQUERS ALL

The English language only has one word for love, but the Bible has much more to say about it. Join us as we explore the facets of love in Scripture and process together what it means to love God deeply and to love others out of the overflow of that love.

**LEADER:** [Sharon Lee](#) (San Mateo)

Contact the leader for more information and the online link.

**WHO:** Men and Women, All Ages

**START DATE AND TIME:** July 3 (Fridays, 7pm)

## CROSSING THE WATERS

Through the eyes of an Alaskan fisherwoman, Leslie Leyland Fields will take us on a journey through the Gospels and the life of Christ. Calling upon her experience with commercial fishing through rugged waters, Fields challenges our understanding of Jesus and what it means to, "Come, follow me."

**LEADER:** [Kelley Sexton](#) (San Mateo)

Contact the leader for more information and the online link.

**WHO:** Women, All Ages

**START DATE AND TIME:** June 28 (Sundays, 10am)



## UNDIVIDED

We're divided along party lines, poverty lines and, especially, racial lines. That division has crept into our churches as well, but that's not how God designed the Church. We are meant to be an undivided example in a divided world. J.D. Greear and Dhati Lewis unpack what it looks like to move our church toward genuine gospel community across racial lines.

**LEADER:** [Karin Nebres](#) (San Mateo)

Contact the leader for more information and the online link.

**WHO:** Men and Women, All Ages

**START DATE AND TIME:** July 8 (Wednesdays, 7:30pm)

## HEARING GOD

Developing a Conversational Relationship with God. How do we hear God's voice? How can we be sure that what we think we hear is not our own subconscious? What role does the Bible play? What if what God says to us is not clear? The key, says best-selling author Dallas Willard, is to focus not so much on individual actions and decisions as on building our personal relationship with our Creator. In this series you and your group can listen in as John Ortberg and Richard Foster dialogue with Dallas Willard on the themes of his beloved classic book, Hearing God.

**LEADER:** [Sumeetha Jacob](#) (Mountain View)

Contact the leader for more information and the online link.

**WHO:** Men and Women, All Ages

**START DATE AND TIME:** June 30 (Tuesdays, 7pm)

**LEADER:** [Greta Sieglock](#) (Menlo Park)

Contact the leader for more information and the online link.

**WHO:** Men and Women, All Ages

**START DATE AND TIME:** July 1 (Wednesdays, 7pm)

**LEADER:** [Amy Brown](#) (Menlo Park)

Contact the leader for more information and the online link.

**WHO:** Men and Women, College Students

**START DATE AND TIME:** July 5 (Sundays, 4-5pm)

