



LIFE GROUPS

WHAT TO EXPECT

Call ahead to ensure location, directions, gate code, etc., as all groups rotate meeting in homes. Some groups do full meals and some do snacks.

Understand that each group handles their own **childcare**, which is supervised by that group. Kids are included in the fellowship, family worship and prayer time.

All groups **are open and welcome** new people with open arms. You will not be coming in to an on-going study, as our groups are not solely Bible studies.

You are free to visit any group, and we encourage you to visit more than one to find the one that you feel God is calling you to join. We suggest that you start by visiting the ones closest to you first.

Most groups last for 2 hours. Leaders are aware of beginning and ending on time, and most Lifegroup meetings have the following flow:

- 40 min — **Welcome** – Fellowship/eating
- 20 min — **Worship** – Family/kids included
- 50 min — **Word** – Biblical sharing/prayer/ministry time – usually separate into smaller gender groups of 3 to pray for one another and engage the Bible together.
- 10 min — **Witness** – Praying, sharing around how we can reveal Jesus and share His love with those around us.

Lifegroup is not a weekly meeting or strictly for fellowship. **It's the Church!** It's a spiritual family not just talking about the Bible, but living it out together. Try the weekly Bible study from the bulletin as a starting place to grow in your personal relationship with God, and watch how special it is to see how God weaves together what you're learning with what others are too!

Lifegroup is a **safe place**. It's a place to take off the mask and be real. It's okay if you need to test the waters slowly, but ultimately we want Lifegroup to be a place where we really know one another. This is the choice to be real and allow others to speak truth into us and for us to do the same for others. It's how we grow to be more like Jesus.

Lifegroups are the basic gathering of the Body of Christ. It's the people of God, grounded in the Word of God, filled with the Spirit of God, joining in the mission of God for the Glory of God! It's a place to be cared for, grow spiritually, and impact our community. The goal is to **build up (edify)** one another, so we look more like Jesus and join Him in making disciples who make disciples!