



LIFE GROUPS 2020

NLC LIFE GROUP STUDY | BE DIFFERENT

Week of FEBRUARY 9, 2020

Life Group Schedule

30 MIN Eat, Meet & Greet

15 MIN Ice Breaker Game: Connecting Stories. Instructions: This game is all about finding common experiences or themes between people. The goal of the game is to connect mini-stories in an interesting way. Materials required: Pens and Post-it Notes or note cards. Divide into small groups of 6-8 people. Each person must share at least one item that connects to the other mini-stories. The longer the chain of items that can be created, the better. Write down a few words on a post-it note to keep track of each part of the story.

The first player begins by sharing an interesting memory or experience that they have. For example, one player can say: "One time, I accidentally locked myself out of the house. So then I spent the entire day at a coffee shop." Any other person can tell a related story that has any similar themes or elements to the previous story. For example, the next person can say, "I am a total coffee addict. Every day I drink 3 cups of coffee, and it sometimes prevents me from being able to sleep at night."

The next player, based upon the previous story shared, can say something related, such as: "I don't sleep much at night because I play lots of computer games until early morning." Any person can then add to the story, by saying something like, "I also love computer games." To help the group remember each part of the story, write a few words on a post-it note for each part of the story chain. The more interesting or funny the story, the better. The group with the longest connected chain of stories wins. This activity is a fun way to get people to share stories, while helping them learn similarities or common interests.

TRANSITION: As you're gathering, spend some time in **WORSHIP & PRAYER**.

45 MIN | BE DIFFERENT

MAIN SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: DANIEL 3:19-30

- If you want to make a difference, be different.

BEING DIFFERENT MEANS BEING HOLY

1 PETER 1:15-16 (NLT) "But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy."

How can we be different?

1. Be different in the way that you LIVE.

MATTHEW 5:13 (NIV) "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot."

- Add flavor to people and make people thirsty for God.

- Q1.** Have you seen someone live in a way that made you thirsty for God? What was it about them that made you crave God?

2. Be different in the way that you THINK.

COLOSSIANS 3:2 (NIV) “Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.”

- This is a call to think bigger than ourselves, our situation, our view of ourselves or other people than how we would normally think.

Q2. What i your life could use a God-perspective, instead of a you-perspective?

2 CORINTHIANS 10:5 (NIV) “We take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”

Q3. Have you seen this modeled well by someone else? What does this mean for you personally?

3. Be different in the way that you DREAM.

1 PETER 2:9 (NLT) “You are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God’s very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.”

- What we dream about proves our lens of how we view the world, ourselves, God, others. Are we dreaming for comfort or calling, our own problems or the pain of others?

Q4. What does the *world* tell us we should base our decisions on? What is *your* filter for making decisions?

TAKE PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAY OVER NEEDS