



# Life Groups 2018

NLC Life Group Through the Bible Study

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It's Time to Fan the Flame

# Life Group Schedule

**15 MIN** Eat, Meet & Greet

**15 MIN** Ice Breaker: **Categories.** Divide into groups of about 5 members each, teaming with people they know the least. Instruct each team to find at least 6 things in common with every member. Don't use simple things like height, hair color, or clothing. Limiting the similarities to non-material things helps people learn more about each other and engage in active, more meaningful conversations that promote inclusion and lasting connections. The game ends once every team has come up with 6 things they have in common; the winner is the team that achieves the objective first.

**NOTE** Because of the nature of the questions this week, we strongly encourage gender-based small group breakout discussions over the content.

## **OPENING PRAYER**

**45–60 MIN IT'S TIME TO FAN THE FLAME REF: 2 Timothy 1**

- Fire cannot continue without constant fuel.
- Don't settle for emptiness. REF: John 10:10

**NEED FOR FATHERS. REF: 2 TIM. 1:2; ACTS 16:1-3**

- This is a fatherless generation, but God is not absent, abusive, or aloof. We have a lot of mentors, but our greatest need is fathers. Mentors are people you can call. Fathers are people who call you. This generation likes to be mothered but not fathered. Paul gave his life away to the next generation.
- God can forgive and cleanse our conscience.

**GOD HAS GIVEN YOU A GIFT. REF: 2 TIM. 1:6**

- Some don't know what their gift is. Some are unsure. Some are too scared. Some don't believe.

1. Start small. Ref: Zech. 4:10
2. Our gift is for others. Ref: 1 Pet. 4:10
3. You can do this. Ref: 2 Tim. 1:7-14

**Q1.** What gifts has God given you?

**Q2.** How are your gifts useful for helping others? Mentoring others? Fathering them?

**Q3.** Is anything holding you back from using the gifts God has given you?

**Q4.** What's the first (or next) step for you to begin (or continue) walking this out in your life?

**TAKE PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAY OVER NEEDS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**