



# LIFE GROUPS 2020

NLC LIFE GROUP STUDY | PASSION IN OUR WORK

Week of JANUARY 26, 2020

# Life Group Schedule

**30 MIN** Eat, Meet & Greet

**15 MIN** Ice Breaker Game: **SIT DOWN IF.** Instructions: Get everyone to stand up, then read through the following list, The last person standing is the winner! Sit down if...you have eaten chocolate today... you are wearing purple...you were born in September... you have blue eyes...you are the youngest child...you have broken a bone...you have gone two weeks without a shower...you can speak more than two languages.

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

## **45 MIN | PASSION IN OUR WORK**

- Daniel's work environment wasn't healthy or comfortable; it was likely more hostile than yours.

**SEE DANIEL 6:1-3**

- Daniel was entrusted with a position of authority.
  - › God can bless you even in a dark environment.
- Daniel became "distinguished" because "an excellent spirit was in him."
  - › Synonyms For Excellent: "plenty" "surpassing" "extreme" "extraordinary" "exceedingly" "Overheated"
  - › Excellence will distinguish you and set you apart.

## **EXCELLENCE IS NOT:**

- Being Privileged. **SEE ECCLESIASTES 9:10**
  - › Excellence isn't having the best; it's doing the best with what you have.
- Being Perfect. **SEE 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31**
  - › Excellence isn't perfection; it's doing your best.
- Being Polished.
  - › Excellence isn't a plastic persona; it's not a game of who can act like they're the most together.

## **HOW CAN WE HAVE EXCELLENCE IN OUR WORK?**

1. Have Excellence in our Heart.

- Whatever we put our hand to we put our heart in. **SEE COLOSSIANS 3:23-24**
- Excellence honors God and inspires people.

**Q1.** Heart check! How's your heart in relation to your work, your responsibilities, your employer, your co-workers? How's your attitude?

2. Have Excellence in our Habits.

**SEE DANIEL 6:4, 2 CORINTHIANS 2:14-16**

- Great habits of excellence:

- > Always give more than is expected. (Underpromise and overdeliver)
- > Always find a solution.
- > Always learn from others. (Debrief your work; learn to think critically)
- > Always pray about your work.
- > Always be on time.
- > Always be diligent. (Text/call/email people back; finish what you start)
- > Always be prepared. (God does not bless laziness; care enough to be organized)
- > Always be honest. (Let your yes be yes and your no be no)

**Q2.** Of these habits of excellence, which one do you typically ace, and how are you able to do that?

**Q3.** Which one needs the most attention?

### 3. Have Excellence in our Hands.

**SEE DANIEL 1:17, 20; MATTHEW 25:29; 1 CORINTHIANS 15:58**

- Be great at what you do!
  - > Sharpening is a process where bits of the blade are ground and shaved off to produce a new, sharp edge.
  - > Honing is a process where the steel basically pushes the edge of the knife back to the center and straightens it. It refines what is already there.
- God wants you to hone in on the gift and skills He has given you.
- While you are working on the job, God is working on you.

**Q4.** How are you stewarding the skills God has given you?

**TAKE PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAY OVER NEEDS**