



LIFE GROUPS 2019

NLC Life Group Study

Week of April 28, 2019

TAKE YOUR NEXT STEP

Life Group Schedule

30 MIN Eat, Meet & Greet

15 MIN Ice Breaker: **Two Truths and a Dream**, (a variation of “Two Truths and a Lie”). Each person prepares three statements, two true, and one that is not true, yet something they dream was true. In any order, the person shares the three statements to the entire group. The object of the game is to figure out which statement is the dream. The rest of the group votes on each statement, and the person reveals which one is the dream. This interesting spin often leads to unexpected, fascinating results, as people often share touching dreams for their lives.

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

45 MIN | TAKE YOUR NEXT STEP

EPHESIANS 1:11 (MSG) “It is in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose He is working out in everything and everyone.”

MATTHEW 11:28-30 (MES) “Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.”

THREE WAYS WE WALK WITH HIM

- Like a true Son or Daughter

EPHESIANS 1:4 (MSG) “Long before He laid down earth’s foundations, God had us in mind, and settled on us as the focus of His love.”

› When we walk with God, it pushes out insecurity, fear, and worry!

- As Part of the Family

EPHESIANS 1:5 (NLT) “God’s unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave Him great pleasure.”

› God doesn’t mean for us to do life alone!

› And the church wasn’t created for rules and regulations, or bureaucracy, but for family!

- Like Jesus Walks

PHILIPPIANS 2:5 (NCV) “In your lives you must think and act like Christ Jesus.”

THREE WAYS WE WORK WITH HIM

1. Find your gifts and calling.

EPHESIANS 2:10 (NIV) “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should

walk in them.”

- There are universal good works prepared for us – walking with God, being obedience to Christ, loving others, witnessing – but there are also individual works.
- Individually, God also has purposes for our lives.
- Pay attention to what you’re passionate about! It will point to your giftings and callings.

Q1. Have you taken a spiritual gifts assessment? Are you aware of your spiritual gifts, and do you practice using them?

- There are many free spiritual gifts assessments out there. Here’s one of many: <https://giftstest.com/>
- Ask someone who loves you enough to tell you the truth about your assessment of your giftings!

2. Be content with His plan for you.

PSALM 139:13-14 (NIV) “For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I’m fearfully and wonderfully made.”

- There is no one else on the planet just like you.
- God doesn’t determine your greatness by your position but by your obedience.
- Your importance isn’t determined by how many people are serving you but on how you are serving others!

Q2. Are you generally content with God’s plan for your life?

3. Be faithful with what God has entrusted to you.

LUKE 16:10 “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.”

- Example: Tithing. Be faithful with what you have and encourage others to do the same.
- Most of Jesus’ miracles were when He was interrupted in the midst of his work.
- Part of fulfilling your calling is being able to see and respond to the need, even when it’s not convenient.
- Sometimes you only get one chance to take advantage of the moment, so be ready!

Q3. What has God already entrusted you with?

Q4. How can you remain ready for opportunities and favorable moments?

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAY OVER NEEDS