

# life groups

NLC Life Group Through the Bible Study

Week of May 14, 2017  
Sermon: PATH—See the Truth



NEW LIFE  
CHURCH

# Life Group Schedule

**15 MIN** Eat, Meet & Greet

**15 MIN** Ice Breaker Game: **Find Someone Whose Mom.** Description: The facilitator will prepare a questionnaire ahead of time that will include 5 - 10 descriptions of someone each person will be looking for in the group. The participants will go around the room with the goal of finding someone whose Mom matches the descriptions listed. Sample questions (feel free to make up your own): Find someone whose Mom...

- › Has a birthday the same month as yours
- › Does not leave the house without red lipstick
- › Makes the best chicken casserole
- › Has the most kids
- › Loves (or hates) cats
- › Has a bundt cake for everything
- › Loves to ride motorcycles
- › Has the biggest rose garden
- › Is the best (or worst) cook

## OPENING PRAYER

**45–60 MIN** **PATH—See the Truth**

**PSALMS 23:1-3** “The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name’s sake.”

**ISA 66:13** “As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you.”

**PS 139:13** “You formed my innermost being, shaping my delicate inside and my intricate outside, and you wove them all together in my mother’s womb.”

**LEV 19:3** “Every one of you shall revere his mother.”

- In this week’s sermon, **Mother’s Day Weekend**, as we honor the mothers in our lives, we are reminded that they help us see the truth—to see what we don’t see. Sometimes we don’t see what we don’t see, because our eyes aren’t trained to look for it, not because it’s not actually there.

**EPH 4:31-32** “Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”

**PHIL 2:3** “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves.”

- Most people can sense when they are being overlooked or undervalued. Christianity, however, is not about overlooking the value in others, but about valuing others above yourselves.
- It’s easy to make a list of the things you don’t like about others, and maybe for some of you this even includes your mom.

**LUKE 11:34** “Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eyes are healthy, your whole body also is full of light. But when they are unhealthy, your body also is full of darkness.”

- In this verse, Jesus is not referring to our natural eyes, but He is talking about our soul, our spiritual well-being. When you’re unhealthy, it seems like darkness is all you see. But someone else may be in the same room with you, and all they see is light. They still have a song in their soul and joy in their heart.

#### **FIVE MOM LESSONS THAT WILL HELP YOU STAY SPIRITUALLY HEALTHY:**

1. Be a servant.

- The saying is still true that people don’t care how much you know until they know how much you care!
- Ps Rick’s mom showed she cared before she showed her knowledge. She walked into a room that was broken and fixed it. She walked into a room where someone was hurting and nursed it. She walked into a church that was a mess and cleaned it. She saw a need and served it.

**MARK 10:45** “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

**JOHN 13:5** “After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.”

- Jesus also washed Judas’ feet. He knew Judas would betray him, but He washed his feet anyway. You don’t just serve the people you like. Anyone can do that. You also serve people who are against you. How? Start by taking off your judge’s robe. Jesus knew people would get dirt clinging to them while following him. A servant doesn’t judge the dirt. They know the dirt is there; they just clean it off serving.
- Practical ways to serve: Call people, rally troops behind other people and their need, send flowers, make food, reach out in the foyer. Notice when people are hurting. Remember when people are missing.

**Q1.** Do you sometimes get in the habit of judging others? On a personal level, how can you practically turn that around?

2. Be a fighter

**Q2.** Most everybody fights for what they personally want or like, but can you fight for what someone else wants? How do you do that?

**2 TIM 4:7** “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.”

**Q3.** Describe a woman in your life—maybe your mom!—who fought for you or who taught or demonstrated how to fight the good fight.

- Life is not about you. Keep your feet on the ground, live it well, and live it for Jesus. Be the one others can call during great days and bad days. Be one who passes down a biblical legacy.

**Q4.** What legacy are you leaving for others? Is it the same as the legacy you *want* to leave for others?

3. Love Jesus.

**ACTS 22:15** “You will be my witness to all people.”

- The word “witness” in this verse was used interchangeably in the New Testament (see Strong’s G3144) to mean both:
  - › “a spectator” and
  - › “those who after his example have proved the strength and genuineness of their faith in Christ by undergoing a violent death” (martyr).
- To be a witness meant to demonstrate that your faith is real to the world around you, regardless of the risk to your own physical safety. It means not doing anything in your life that would not glorify Jesus, abstaining from anything that would hurt Jesus. It is unmovable faith, praying daily for your spouse, your children, and others.

**Q5.** Do you love Jesus? How can you bump that up a notch this week?

4. Love like Jesus.

- When you love like Jesus, you don’t work to make people feel valued. You just value them. It takes real humility to do this, because you genuinely don’t think about yourself all the time or put yourself first.

**1 JOHN 4:19** “We love because he first loved us.”

**1 PETER 4:8** “Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins.”

- “Keep the joy of loving God in your heart and share this joy with all you meet.”—Mother Teresa
- People who love much are the people you want to talk to when you’re hurting. People who love much make you forget their shortcomings.

**Q6.** Do you love others? How can you bump that up a notch this week?

5. Beauty inside and out.

**1 PETER 3:3-4** “Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God’s sight.”

- Beauty is as beauty does, not what beauty shows. Physical beauty will fade over time but true beauty will last a lifetime. Teach your children that their actions—such as kind words or actions—make them beautiful/handsome. Remind your daughters, “You are beautiful, but even more pretty on the inside.” Train them that how they behave and carry themselves defines beauty in them.

**Q7.** Who is the most beautiful person you know, and why?

#### **TAKE PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAY OVER NEEDS**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Please refer to your weekend service guide for campus-specific announcements.