



LIFE GROUPS 2019

NLC Life Group Study

Week of April 7, 2019

SUNDAY BEST | A Heart for Souls

Life Group Schedule

30 MIN Eat, Meet & Greet

15 MIN Ice Breaker: **Scavenger Hunt**. Divide the group into teams of up to five. Provide them with a list of items to find. Choose items that can be found in the immediate area, pockets, purses, or on-line. For example: a credit card, a digital photo of a family, a pair of reading glasses, a baby picture, a business card, and the address of a donut shop in Little Rock. Take a pic of the items and text to the Life Group leader with the image and their team number. The first team to find the objects and text to the leader, wins!

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

45 MIN | SUNDAY BEST | A HEART FOR SOULS

- Regardless of how you grew up many of you were told when it was time to go to church to put on your Sunday Best: your nicest outfit, your best behavior.
- God cares more about what is happening inside of you, which is why churches have gotten more casual.
 - › The problem is...I think many of us have gotten casual in our faith, no longer reaching out. We don't know how.

READ PROVERBS 11:30

- We come to Christ for different reasons: broken, in transition, major heartache, or even a great season! But what we all have in common is:
 - › Someone told us, and The Holy Spirit convicted us.
- Having a heart for souls is like fishing.

REVIEW MATTHEW 4:18-22

- Jesus was saying, "Follow me and we will reach others."
 - › It's not, "Follow me because of how bad you are, and you can make something of your life." It's "I will make you."
- When you get to heaven. The only thing you can bring with you is souls. Nothing we do is more important than winning souls.

Q1. Who told you about Jesus? What's your story about that?

- Most of us are indebted to the one who talked to us about JESUS!
- Evangelism doesn't mean street preaching – passing out tracks, holding a sign, or saying "Jesus loves you and I love you too."
- Jesus made witnessing Easy and Simple.

TO BE A WITNESS....

1. YOU TELL WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU – YOUR REAL STORY

REVIEW ACTS 1:8

- Witness: Someone who shares a personal experience with others.
 - › Not a salesman (how many sales calls), an attorney (argue people into heaven!), a professional (pastors, preachers, counselors).

REVIEW PS 107:2

- He is looking for ordinary people—a witness.

REVIEW ACTS 4:13

- God wants to use you to reach others right where you are. That’s your platform.

REVIEW ROMANS 10:9-15

- Reconcile: “to bring back to friendship after estrangement” or “to be restored.” God is the reconciler of humanity.

REVIEW ROMANS 5:8 & ROMANS 1:5

2. YOU TELL IT LIKE IT MATTERS – A REAL HEAVEN AND HELL

- If you don’t love people you won’t try to rescue them.

REVIEW ROMANS 6:23, MATTHEW 9:36-38, & ROMANS 1:16-17

HOW DO PEOPLE GET SAVED? – BECOME BELIEVERS?

- They have to **hear the good news**—not just life-changing, but life-saving—the cure for a damned eternity!
 - › Those who know Christ—Heaven—a place of perfection. It’s a Real Place.
 - › Others—Hell is a real, physical place with a location made for Satan and his angels (demons). Many people will go there: evil people, bad people, and people we think are good people—with fire, torment, loneliness, and darkness.
 - › Some say, “I don’t believe in Hell!” But some things are true whether you believe it or not!
- If the stakes are high, act like the stakes are high!
 - › In football, they demand you fight like it’s the only thing in the world, for a trophy. But we are not playing for a trophy. The church is fighting for souls between heaven and hell.
- Your greatest joy will be meeting Christ. Your second greatest joy is helping others meet Him.

Q2. Do you live like eternity matters? Are you confident you’ll see your coworkers and people in your sphere of influence on the other side—in *heaven*?

3. YOU TELL IT WHILE YOU LIVE IT – REAL RESULTS

REVIEW COLOSSIANS 3:15-17

- Poor work is a pitiful witness. Be excellent; it’s a great testimony. Show up early. stay a little later, have a great attitude.

REVIEW COLOSSIANS 3:17 (TLB)

- WORK has a brand new meaning when you are there as a REPRESENTATIVE of Jesus! You are not there just for a paycheck!
 - › You are there because of Jesus. You are aware of the Kingdom plan going on here! You understand why “this” job, “this” shift, or “these people.”
 - › If you are near-sighted – you miss why God put you in that job!

REVIEW MARK 2:3-5

- Q3.** Do you represent Christ well in the workplace? Would others say they notice there is something different about you?
- Q4.** What one percent adjustment is the Holy Spirit asking you to make as His faithful representative in the workplace or your sphere of influence?

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAY OVER NEEDS