

LIFE GROUPS 2020

THE DANGER OF DRIFTING

Week of June 14, 2020

Life Group Schedule

- PREP** Review the weekend service online. Read through each Scripture reference prayerfully. Invite the Holy Spirit to show you any correction you need to make around this week's topic. Be willing to be open, humble, and honest with your group about what He is showing you.
- 10 MIN** Log In, chat, check on everybody! Remember, be a facilitator of conversation, not a preacher! Talk little, listen more, and have fun! Keep in mind we do this for community and for each of us to grow closer in our relationships with God.
- 15 MIN** ICE BREAKER: Several ice breaker game suggestions can be located at [BIT.LY/NLCLIFEGROUP_ICEBREAKERS](https://bit.ly/NLCLIFEGROUP_ICEBREAKERS). Take your pick, and enjoy the game together!

TRANSITION: SPEND SOME TIME IN WORSHIP & PRAYER

30-45 MIN | THE DANGER OF DRIFTING

HEBREWS

HEB. 4:12, HEB. 10:24-25

- This book was written for new believers who were Hebrews, new followers of Jesus who were the Jews.
- They are standing on their new faith, but at the same time were UNSETTLED.
 - › Lives changed; losing family and friends, jobs and businesses because of their faith. Faced persecution and stress, close to walking away from their faith because of the extreme cost.
 - › They were struggling to hold onto the promises of God.

Hebrews 2:1

THOUGHTS ABOUT DRIFTING

- Drifting is Deceptive.
 - › Like an undertow that you cannot see, the current of drifting is silent but strong.
 - › Most people don't intentionally drift away from God.
- Drifting is Gradual.
 - › It's seldom a sudden process, but more like a spiritual erosion—slow, steady, silent, secret, and subtle. It happens over time.
 - › Most people drift due to neglect.
- Drifting is Easy.
 - › Like the Lazy River at water parks. Drifting may not be intentional, but it's often a lack of intentionality. It's the path of least resistance, taking no output of energy.
 - › All that is needed to drift away from God is to do nothing.

Hebrews 6:18-19

- › God's anchor is immovable, stable, secure, and firm.

HOW DO WE STOP DRIFTING?

1. Stay Connected To God's Spirit.

- God wants to have your full attention

Hebrews 12:1-2

- We need an urgency to rely on God's Spirit:
 - › ...when we are dry and when we are full
 - › ...when we win and when we lose
 - › ...in famine or in harvest
 - › ...when we are broke and when we are blessed
- If you've gotten off track, confess your sins to God and move on.

- Q1.** Reflecting just over the past week or so, ask the Holy Spirit to show you where your thoughts, your words, and your actions may have gotten off track, even if just a little bit. Explain.

2. Stay Connected to God's Truth.

- An anchor is useless unless it's connected to the boat.
- Culture will change, but will you? Circumstances will change, but will your faith? Emotions will face and moods will swing, but will your hope? Lies will be spoken over you, but will you believe them?

Hebrews 4:12

- The Word of God is alive and active, penetrates to "dividing soul and spirit." God's Word slices and dices what we think and feel from what God thinks and feels. Joints are on the outside of your bones; marrow is the very core of your bonds. God's word divides between what is human and what is spiritual, what is natural and what is supernatural. It judges thoughts and attitudes of the heart.
 - › Our soul is where our emotions, feelings, moods, and opinions are. Our spirit is

where God is.

- Q2.** Have your circumstances in this season affected your faith? In other words, have you struggled with doubt, even a little bit?
- Q3.** How have you navigated the emotions and moods of those closest to you in this season? Have you lost hope in any way, even a little bit?
- Q4.** Ask the Holy Spirit to show you if there have been any lies that have slipped into your thoughts that you don't even realize showed up.

3. Stay Connected to God's Church.

Hebrews 10:24-25

- Our temptation when we feel disconnected is to isolate, blame our circumstances, point fingers at people or churches.
- Q5.** How have you navigated disconnection in this season of social distancing? Do you feel isolated?
- Q6.** How can you connect relationally with others in this season? What is your next step, and what might hold you back from taking that step?

PRAYER OF BLESSING:

NUMBERS 6:24-26 “The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.”

PRAYER: “God, we thank You for Your grace on our lives. Even though we are imperfect, You are perfect. I pray that You would bless your people today, right now, in Jesus' Name. Amen!

TAKE PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAY OVER NEEDS

CONFIRM OR SCHEDULE YOUR NEXT MEETING, WHETHER LIVE OR VIRTUAL

Leaders: Please share your email address and cell numbers. Be available!

- For more ideas, check out [VIRTUAL LIFE GROUP PLAN](#).
- As Life Group leaders—the hands, feet and voice of Jesus—remember “CPR”:
 - › C – Check-In and Care for People at least weekly
 - › P – Pray with and for them often
 - › R – Remember Scripture. God's Word is powerful!
- Group Participation Guideline Reminders:
 - › Do not share anything that will embarrass anyone, including your spouse.

- › If called on you may pass on any questions you do not want to answer.
- › Allow time for everyone to share; do not dominate the conversation.
- › What is said in the group stays in the group. Use common sense and know when something shared is personal and should remain confidential.

For Daily Prayer: The following linked resources can help strengthen our prayer lives

- [Foundations, Session 4: “WHAT IS PRAYER?”](#)
- [THE LORD’S PRAYER PATTERN](#)
- [THE PRAYER OF JABEZ PRAYER PATTERN](#)
- [THE TRINITY PRAYER PATTERN](#)