



LIFE GROUPS 2019

NLC Life Group Study

Week of March 31, 2019

MISSIONS WEEKEND

Life Group Schedule

30 MIN Eat, Meet & Greet

15 MIN Ice Breaker: **Categories.** Divide your group into four teams or more, with about five members each. Encourage them to team with people they know the least. Instruct each team to find at least six things in common with every team member. Don't allow teams to use simple things like height, hair color, or clothing worn. Limiting the similarities to non-material things helps people learn more about each other and engage in active, more meaningful conversations that will promote inclusion and lasting connections. The game ends once every team has come up with six things they have in common; the winner is the team that achieves the objective first.

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

45 MIN | MISSIONS WEEKEND

- What is our purpose? To reach our friends with the life-giving message of Jesus to see them become fully devoted followers of Christ.
 - › Jesus will always remain our focus, and reaching people will always be our mission.
- **SEE LUKE 4:42-43, MATTHEW 9:35-38;**
- When it comes to missions, **CONTEXT** is everything. Challenge with the local church is the local church, judgmentalism, partiality.
 - › Our commission is to make disciples from our neighborhoods to the nations, of all the peoples.
- Compassion is one of the greatest ways to reach people with the message of Jesus. Let your heart break for what breaks the heart of God.

WHAT WE CAN DO AS A CHURCH:

SEE MARK 11:15-17; JOEL 2:11; PS. 122:6-9

- From the neighborhood to the nations - our mission strategy as a church should go outside neighborhood—outside our nation here to other nations of the world.
- Start with Israel first, and then other nations.
- Greatest needs in the world today:
 - › Syrian refuge crisis (1.5 million refugees in Lebanon).

SEE JOHN 10:10, MATTHEW 9:37

- Practical steps we can take as a church community, as a life group:
 - › Pray continually
 - › Give sacrificially
 - › Go—to your neighbor, then your neighborhood

Q1. What one step—even the first step—can you personally take this week to pursue the purpose of God for others?

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAY OVER NEEDS