

Life of Christ

A study of the life and teachings of Jesus

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

WEEK 3 | Love Your Neighbor Who is Like Yourself

Week of September 27, 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 | LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR WHO IS LIKE YOURSELF

MATTHEW 22:34-40

Q1. What is it that God really wants for our lives? How is God calling you personally, and practically, to live out these two commandments?

- People know the story of Jesus but not what he said.

JOHN 14:15, LUKE 6:46

- Loving Jesus and identifying him as Lord, is all founded on our doing what he said.
- Challenge yourself to grow as you learn the teachings of Jesus

Q2. Who is your neighbor? (List all of the people that qualify within your sphere of influence.)

- Love your neighbor WHO IS LIKE YOURSELF.

- We are more like each other than either of us is like God.
- Between Me and God is you.

Q3. Who is someone you know that you need to think about this week and create an opportunity to show you love them? Who do you need to find patience with that you typically don't tolerate well?

- By loving them you will actually be showing how much you love God.

MATT 5:7, MATT 7:1-2

- How I relate to you is how God will relate to me.

Q4. If you are a parent, can you share a time when someone showed love to one of your kids and how it made you feel? How does this relate to how God feels towards us?

Q5. Who do you need to be seeing that you usually pass by? Who do we need to be looking out for?

- This is the call of Jesus to us: to be his followers.
- We show our love for God by loving others.

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Q6. Think of someone who may think of you as their enemy. Someone who may hate or curse you. How can you love them? Share with the group, not who that person is, but how you can love them.

- Only on the lips of Jesus do we hear certain statements/challenges.

LUKE 6:27-36

- Those who love their enemies are children of God.

Q7. Who do you need to extend mercy and grace towards? Who do you need to forgive? Show the same attitude towards them as Christ shows towards you.

- The choice to forgive is on us
- The choice to love our enemy is on us
- How I relate to you is how God relates to me.

Q8. What would be the power of New Life Church if all of us reach out and love those who hate us?

- On the lips of Jesus we have the solution to the problems in our world today!
- How we walk it out in our world today is evidence of our love for him by loving another created in His image.
- We show ourselves to be submitted in love to the Lordship of Jesus. Ultimately, we show ourselves to be His disciples and obedient to His word.

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](#)

