



# Life Groups 2018

NLC Life Group Study

Week of December 2, 2018  
BIG SCREEN | Wonder

# Life Group Schedule

**15 MIN** Eat, Meet & Greet

**15 MIN** Ice Breaker: **MY NAME IS.** Ask each person to state his/her name and an adjective that both describes a dominant characteristic and starts with the same letter of his name. Example: Generous Graham, Dynamic Dave. Write them down and refer to them by this given name for the rest of the meeting (or at least awhile!).

**TRANSITION:** As you're gathering, spend a few minutes in worship & prayer. Suggested worship songs for this week: "WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME," "HIGHEST PRAISES."

## OPENING PRAYER

### 45-60 MIN | WONDER

**SEE JOB 6:10, PSALM 3:3, 2 COR. 4:16-18**

- Life has real pain, and hurting people hurt people, but healed people heal people. But you can't give away what you haven't received.
- Anytime you build a relationship, you are taking a risk.

**Q1.** Like Auggie, does life have you looking down? Is there something that needs healing or resolution? Is there something you don't like about you, or have you ever been made fun of?

**Q2.** On the flip side, do you generally cause people to look down or up?

- *"When given the choice between being right and being kind, choose kind."*

**SEE 1 COR. 13, JAMES 4:1; EPH. 6:12**

**Q3.** Is there someone you seem to have consistent conflict with?

**Q4.** Who is the real enemy in your life, and how does that truth inform the relational struggles you may be facing?

**SEE 1 SAM. 16:7; MATT. 6:6; JAMES 4:8; 1 PET. 2:4; JN 15:18**

**Q5.** How close are you to God? How close are your friends to you?

**Q6.** Who in your community needs the kind of friend that only you can be to them?

## WONDER QUOTES:

- "Be kind, for everyone is fighting a hard battle. And if you really want to see what people are, all you have to do is look."

- “The things we do are the things that matter most.”
- “There are two sides to every story...”
- Good friends are worth defending...Keep being the fine boy we all know you to be.”
- Wonder used the following quote by Henry Ward Beecher (during the awards ceremony) as the definition of quiet strength:  
 “Greatness lies, not in being strong, but in the right using of strength; and strength is not used rightly when it serves only to carry a man above his fellows for his own solitary glory. He or she is the greatest whose strength carries up the most hearts by the attraction of his own.
- No one is ordinary, and we all deserve a standing ovation at least once in our lives. My friends do, my teachers do, my sister does, My dad does for always making us laugh, and my mom does for not giving up on anyone, especially me.”—Auggie  
**EPHESIANS 4:32** “Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.”

- Q7.** What is your #1 takeaway from this message?
- Q8.** What 1% change are you willing to make this week because of it?
- Q9.** Who in your life group can hold you accountable to that?

#### FOR FURTHER STUDY

- Fun fact: Many NT verses use variations of “kind.” Here are a few:
  - › **1 COR. 13:4** uses the word *chrēsteuomai* (Strong’s 5541), meaning “to be mild, kind, to use kindness.” The context is how we are to relate to others.
  - › **EPH. 1:5, 9** uses the word *eudokia* (Strong’s 2107), meaning “good-will, kindly intent, benevolence.” The context is how God chooses to relate to us.
  - › **EPH 4:32** uses the word *chrēstos* (Strong’s 5543), in the context of how we treat one another be virtuous, good, useful, mild, pleasant (as opposed to harsh, hard, sharp, bitter).
  - › **2 Tim 2:24** uses the word *ēpios* (Strong’s 2261), in the context of how we treat one another, be affable (“friendly, good-natured, easy to talk to”), mild, gentle.
- In relation to God’s kindness towards us (Ex: “It’s the kindness of God that leads to repentance,”(Rom. 2:4) two words are used: *chrēstotēs* and *chrēstos*:
  - › *chrēstotēs* (Strong’s 5544), meaning “benignity (meaning kindness or tolerance towards others), kindness.” This word is derived from the root word, *chrēstos* (5543—see Eph. 4:32 above).

#### PRAY OVER NEEDS, ANNOUNCEMENTS