



LIFEgroup Ministry Primer
Basic Leader Training Session #1



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Four Ingredients for a LIFEgroup:

L _____

I _____

F _____

E _____

What Is A LIFEgroup?

"God's Incubator for Life Transformation." A LIFEgroup provides a healthy environment where Christians can share life in a transparent, personal and relational context. LIFEgroups are the essential place where Christians live together in spiritual community, as the church, experiencing the presence, power and purpose of Christ.

The basic elements regulating the ministry of LIFEgroups are that they are:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____



LIFEgroup Operating Procedures

1) How often do LIFEgroups meet?

The requirement for a group to be considered a legitimate LIFEgroup is that it meet a minimum of _____ a month.

2) When do they meet?

LIFEgroups can meet _____ during the week.

3) Where can they meet?

The _____ determines where the group meets. Most groups, of course, will meet in homes. But, some may choose to meet in the workplace, on campuses and some in church facilities depending upon the nature of the group.

4) What is the length of the meeting?



The length of a meeting is _____ maximum. People can stay longer, but those who have sitters or must rise early need to have a set time by which they know they can leave.

5) Is there time off? _____

Groups typically meet for three month sessions (September—November; January—March; April-June; July - August). *The important thing is don't stop the caring and contact with one another!*



6) How long does the group stay together?

The goal of a LIFEgroup is to _____. This should happen once every year to year and a half.

We ask mature leaders to train an apprentice to take over the group so that the mature leader can launch a new group with new people to the church and with un-church friends in the neighborhood and from work. Because each leader is part of LIFEoutfitters (our leadership family), the mature leader maintains a healthy network of support even when launching out from the existing LIFEgroup.

7) How does a group close?

There are three ways a group might stop meeting:

A. The LIFEgroup naturally multiplies into _____ groups as the apprentice takes over and the mature leader launches out to start a new group. This, of course, is the preferred way to see a group come to a close.

B. The leader decides to end his/her commitment, the apprentice _____, if ready, or the group is disbanded and its members placed into other groups.

C. The Pastor makes a decision to close the group based upon recommendations of the leader and LIFEgroup Coach.

8) What takes place in a LIFEgroup meeting?

The goal of the LIFEgroup meeting is that each participant will _____ with the Lord in some way.

There are four basic ingredients of LIFEgroups that create an environment where people are encouraged to be in the Lord's presence:

1. _____ Praising God lifts the heart and sets our focus upon the Lord.
2. _____ The sharing of our lives is a powerful tool for building strong bonds of fellowship in the small group.
3. _____ This conversational prayer is in response to God's Word, the needs of the group and for those that the group is reaching out to.
4. _____ LIFEgroups discuss the Bible to grow in understanding of God's Word for the purpose of applying it in their lives.



Guiding Principles For Effective Ministry

MATTHEW 28:19-20

**GOD'S WILL IS THAT EVERY PERSON BECOMES A
_____ OF CHRIST.**

MINISTRY BEST OCCURS THROUGH

**THE CHURCH IS TO MINISTER TO THE
_____ NEEDS OF PEOPLE.**

EVANGELISM IS THE _____ OF THE CHURCH.

2 Peter 3:9

ALL CHRISTIANS ARE _____.

**THE CHURCH IS TO MEET IN _____ AND
_____ GROUPS.**



Discussion:

- ❖ What benefits did you hear about having a church “of” small groups?

- ❖ What benefits are there for evangelism?

- ❖ Why should we give our best efforts to becoming a church “of” small groups?

Notes



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