



"Team Talk"



LIFE GROUPS: CHRIST CENTERED COMMUNITIES OF CONNECTING, LEARNING, SERVING

TUNING IN: (approx. 15 min)

Each Life Group gathering we want to set our hearts and minds on Christ and His active presence and leadership in our midst.

This week tune in to His presence by trying the following idea:

- Spend some time in "popcorn" prayer, calling out various names and characteristics of God (tip Go through the ABC's and think of a corresponding name eg. "God You are....awesome, the beginning and the end, etc.
- Designate someone to close, acknowledging Christ's presence with us and that we would hear His voice throughout our time together.
- (Optional) Talk about it:

How did this prayer exercise work for your group? How did it feel?

CONNECTING: (approx. 15 min.)

Each Life Group gathering we want to create intentional space to get to know one another better.

This week:

- Have everyone share a high point and a low point of the past week or two. (tip: Look for ways to pray for or minister to each other during this time).

SERVING: (approx. 20 min.)

Each Life Group gathering we want to remind ourselves that it's not all about us and our group, but that we are part of a bigger "us" and a bigger picture.

This week:

- Talk about any opportunities you had this week to impact the people around you for Christ. How were you the "church" where you live, work and play?
- Brainstorm ideas of how your group could serve in our community.

LEARNING: (approx. 45 min.)

Each Life Group gathering is an environment for us to be impacted and transformed by Gods Word.

- Read: 2 Timothy 4: 3-22
- Discuss question 1, sharing your thoughts from the passage or from the Sunday sermon.
- Pick 3 or 4 other questions to discuss.
- Listen: spend a few quiet moments asking God to speak to you about any changes in thought, attitude or action that you need to make.
- NEXT STEPS: any change or transformation requires action from you and encouragement from others. Share your "next step" with the group and allow them to check in on you.

SENDING OUT: (approx. 20 min.)

After each Life Group gathering you are headed back into the world to impact those around you for Christ.

- Spend time blessing and equipping one another by praying for each others physical and spiritual needs and requests.



Pressing On



Questions for discussion with Life Groups, family, friends, or for personal reflection.

Sunday Review: Reflecting on this week's message from the Word (as a group you can discuss these points and try to answer any remaining questions):

- a) What challenged you the most?
 - b) Was there anything that surprised you, or that you had never heard before?
 - c) Was there anything that you still do not understand?
2. Read 2 Tim 4:3-22 (Paul's last written words).
 3. If you died today how would people describe you? What would you want your epitaph to say? What can you do this week toward that goal?
 4. In 4:3 Paul talks about people listening to what they "want to hear." What do Christians today "want to hear" that is not part of God's Truth (list as many things as you can)?
 5. In 4:16 Paul expresses forgiveness and concern for those who have abandoned him. Is there anyone in your life who has "abandoned" you that you need to forgive?
 6. Read the following verses then try to summarize 2 Timothy in one sentence: 1:9, 1:13, 2:11,12, 15, 22, 3:12, 16,17, 4:2, 5
 7. Paul's big concern in 2 Timothy included correctly handling, and being founded upon, God's Word. How can you, and how will you, do more to build your life upon God's Word? Talk about ways you can be accountable to one another with this commitment.



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