



Life Group Resources

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:

- Take a few silent moments to centre your thoughts on how God has been good this week; pray sentence prayers of thanksgiving: (“Thank you Lord for.....”) praying as often as you like.

CONNECTING: (approx. 15 min.)

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

- On a scale of 1-10 how would you rate your past week? Why?

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:

- Spend some time in prayer for friends or family that don't know Christ (be as specific as you can without breaking confidence)

Tip: use the BLESS acronym

Body - *health, protection, strength*

Labour - *work, income, security*

Emotional - *joy, peace, hope*

Social - *love, marriage, family, friends*

Spiritual - *salvation, faith, grace*

LEARNING: (approx. 40 min.)

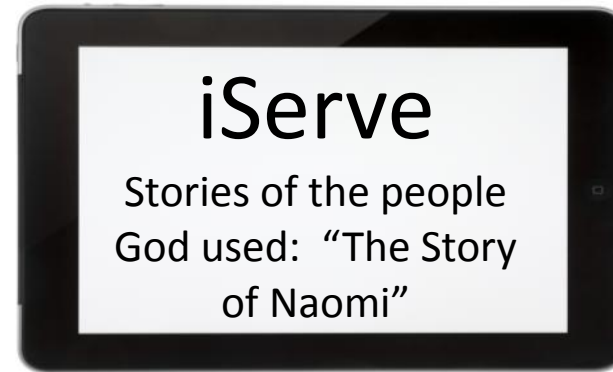
Each Life Group gathering is an environment for us to be impacted and transformed by Gods Word.

- Discuss question 1, sharing your thoughts from the passage or from the Sunday sermon.
- You may want to select only 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. 15 min.)

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

- Minister to one another by praying for and blessing the person on your right.
- Tip: if someone is very uncomfortable with praying out loud they may pray silently for the person.*



iServe

Stories of the people
God used: “The Story
of Naomi”

Sunday,
February 19th,
2012

Going Deeper: Questions for discussion with *Life Groups*, family, friends, or for personal reflection.

1. **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 Ruth 1:1-18. Considering all of your roles and responsibilities in life, what level of priority do you give to family? How does Luke 14:26 fit into that picture? What are some practical things you can do to intentionally nurture your family relationships?
3. Read Ruth 2:1-17. Mosaic Law required Boaz to leave the corners of his field and not gather the gleanings. In what ways did Boaz go beyond the legal requirement of the law and demonstrate that he understood the true spirit of the law? Where can you personally go beyond legalistic obligations in service to individuals or the church?
4. Read Ruth 3:1-5. What makes a person qualified to be a mentor? What does it mean to be a mentor; what are the characteristics of a good mentor? Is everyone meant to be a mentor? Who is someone in your life that you can be a Naomi to? What could mentorship look like in your unique situation?
5. Who are the people in your life who have in a way mentored you? What are some of the things they have done or said that have impacted your life?
6. Both Naomi and Boaz supported and cared for others somewhat behind the scenes. In what ways have you been blessed by others behind the scenes? What ways can you serve behind the scenes?
7. Compare the importance of “up-front” ministry verses “behind the scenes” ministry. Do we value one over the other? Should we?
8. Read Ruth 1:9 & 3:1. Are there any concerns you are presently praying for where God might want **you** to step in as part of the answer? What will you do about it?