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UNDERSTANDING LIFE GROUPS

Life Group Philosophy

The convictions that shape how we gather, care, grow, and make disciples.



OUR MISSION Move from simply being friendly to becoming friends who make disciples.

01 / COMMUNITY A shared life where people are known

Knowing & being known

We make room for honest presence, attentive listening, and relationships that move beyond the surface.

Loving & being loved

We give and receive Christ-shaped affection, patience, encouragement, and truth.

Serving & being served

We notice needs, share burdens, and allow others to care for us too.

Celebrating & being celebrated

We mark God's grace, answered prayer, milestones, and the ordinary joys of life together.

02 / CORE VALUES Four convictions held together

01 Bible-based community

Scripture gives the group its authority and moves us toward faithful obedience.

02 Relational discipleship

People grow through truth practiced in honest, grace-filled relationships.

03 Intentional community

We serve and celebrate together; community is cultivated, not assumed.

04 A mindset for multiplication

We develop leaders and create room so others can experience this kind of community.

Spiritual growth precedes numerical growth. Growth takes time. A lightly attended night may be the very circumstance that lets a group go deeper relationally.



FROM CONVICTION TO PRACTICE / Life Group Philosophy

03 / WEEKLY RHYTHM A repeatable gathering that makes room for people and God

01 Welcome 5–10 min Fellowship and a clear landing place.	02 Bible study 30–35 min Life application from the text.	03 Requests 5–10 min Name clear, personal needs.	04 Prayer 15–20 min Pray together; smaller circles can help.	05 Fellowship 30–40 min Share life beyond the formal meeting.
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04 / A HEALTHY GROUP What our philosophy should produce

Word-shaped The Bible is opened, understood, and applied—not merely referenced.	Prayerful Needs move into God’s hands, and people follow up during the week.	Relational Members know one another’s stories, burdens, gifts, and next steps.
Participatory Leadership is shared; people contribute rather than simply consume.	Outward-facing The group welcomes guests, serves others, and keeps two empty chairs in view.	Multiplying Apprentices are developed and healthy community is reproduced.

05 / MULTIPLICATION Spiritual growth that makes room

THE GOOD TENSION Groups that offer soul care, community, and service often grow—and no one wants to leave. Leaders cultivate a culture where members want to replicate what God has given them.

Pray with open chairs Pray for two people who need community and keep welcoming new relationships.	Plan before urgency When attendance reaches fourteen adults for two weeks in a row, keep the pastor overseeing Life Groups updated; the third week, a new group begins with a new leader and apprentice.	Send with care Identify a leader and apprentice, hosts, communication, and care plans. Bless both groups rather than creating an inner circle and a remainder.
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The goal is not simply a larger meeting. The goal is people becoming disciples who help others become disciples.