

Lifehouse – 2022 Life Group Guide

“And let us be concerned about one another to promote love and good works, not staying away from our worship meetings, as some habitually do, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day drawing near.” (Hebrews 10:24–25 HCSB)

Purpose of Life Groups:

- Build community within Lifehouse
- Disciple believers
- Focus on the 5 biblical purposes
- Provide support for one another when life gets difficult

Life Groups provide so much to the Lifehouse family. Our goal with Life Groups is to provide the life house community with meaningful relationships and spiritual growth. Through meeting in small groups, opening the word, and spending purposeful time with one another, we provide much-needed support and development to those at Lifehouse.

Focus on the 5 biblical purposes

- Fellowship
- Discipleship
- Ministry
- Evangelism
- Worship

How Life Groups Function at Lifehouse

Location and Time: When and where a Life Group will meet is ultimately up to the Life Group Leader. Life Groups can meet in homes, or they can choose to meet at the church.

Prayer: Group leaders are encouraged to maintain a prayer request list and publish it to your group on a weekly basis. This can be done through the Church Center App in your group message board. Prayer is an essential part of spiritual support and development. We encourage all groups to pray at the end of every session and pray for one another throughout the week.

Meeting Schedule: Life Groups will run from September 2022 thru May 2023. Lifehouse will provide twenty weeks of Bible Study material. There are designated off-periods that Life Groups are advised to take time off, and all other

meeting times are dependent on the Group Leader. *For Example, Leader learns that most of their group will be out of town for the first half of January and decides to break until the third week of January.* We want to give Life-Group leaders the flexibility to create the most effective schedule for their group while maintaining purposeful discipleship.

- Off-Periods
 - Thanksgiving (Nov 20th-26th)
 - Christmas (Dec 18th-Jan 2nd)
 - Easter Week (April 2nd-9th)
 - Summer (Mid-May thru August)

Bible Study Material: Elders: (Richard Dillard and Kent Voorhies) will provide Life Group material. If a Life Group chooses to continue to meet during off-periods, Life Group leaders must have material approved by Elders: (Richard Dillard and Kent Voorhies.)

Group Discussion: Group discussion is a fantastic time to build relationships and grow an understanding of the world. However, difficult questions to answer are almost inevitable. This is an excellent time for us as leaders also to learn. As leaders, we do not always know the answer. In these cases, do not be afraid to say, "I am not sure. That is a great question, and I will investigate that and bring back an answer." In these cases, bring these questions to an Elder or the Pastoral staff.

Duplication: As Life Group leaders, you are responsible for identifying possible future Life Group leaders. We want to constantly be raising up and equipping new ministry leaders to take part in the Great Commission (Matt. 28: 18-20) through the Ministry of Small Groups. Life Groups are an opportunity for discipleship, community, church growth, and support. At Lifehouse, we want to be growing and duplicating our small groups to maximize opportunity for ministry.