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Life Group Agenda for the week of August 7th – August 13th

WELCOME (15 min) – Welcome everyone. This is a time for us to focus outward on our relationships with one another. Share the Goals and 1 Guideline. This week, we are continuing our series titled, “*Summer Splash.*” Let’s **stop and pray** for our church at this time.

WORSHIP (15 min) – This is a time for us to focus upward on our relationship with the Lord. Prepare a creative worship time that can be enjoyed by Children as well as adults/teens (*you will be releasing the Children to their Kids Slot time after the worship*).

WORD (45 min) – This is a time for us to focus inward and discover what the Lord is saying to us individually and collectively through His Word.

This week’s truth to be shared: God has called His people in the 21st century to “grow together” and “share life and ministry together” in order that we might accomplish His purposes in our lives and in our world.

INTRODUCTION: Name a few of the summer games you used to play as a child!

Summer is a time for many outdoor activities. Lots of great games can be played with neighborhood friends... Baseball or football in the street was always a fun time. However, can you imagine trying to play without others involved? The truth is it takes relationships if you want to play. It is the same with life.

Allow 5 – 7 minutes for this question.

Read: Acts 2:38-47

OBSERVATION: After reading this Scripture, what factors do you think contributed to the growth of the early church?

Spend about 5 – 7 minutes on this question.

Together – we can see from the scriptures that everything God called them to do in those first years of the church, they could do TOGETHER... They ate together, prayed together, served together, and so on. It is hard to get away from the fact that God intends for us to live the Christian life in relationship with other people.

UNDERSTANDING #1: It is clear that the Kingdom of God is built on relationships. What are the benefits of living the Christian life in close relationship with others?

UNDERSTANDING #2: What are the challenges of living the Christian life in close relationship with others?

Spend about 10 minutes on these questions.

God is all about relationships. He loves us perfectly. However, even our relationship with God can struggle sometimes. It is no wonder that our relationships with others can have hard times. In relationship, there are some of the highest highs. There are also some of the lowest lows. The real keys to any relationship are trust, honesty and respect. If we start with God's love for people and work on building these three areas, our relationships will be deep and lasting. We should enjoy the benefits and work hard to break through the challenges in the friendships God gives us.

APPLICATION: What steps would your group need to take in order to grow in greater relationship with each other?

Spend about 10 minutes on this question.

PRAY: Spend time praying for each other to trust God and His Word in the big decisions of life as well as the daily, seemingly insignificant decisions.

WITNESS (15 min) – This is a time for us to focus outward on our ministry to the world.

- ❖ Share any praise reports from your FRAN list that you've been praying for.
- ❖ Saturday, August 13th – Leadership Summit at the Beach. Register online at <http://www.celebrationchurch.org/leadership-summit-on-the-beach>
- ❖ Sunday, August 14th – I Want to KNOW Lunch
- ❖ Life Group Connection Event – August 6 and 7 and 13 and 14 – How is your Life Group doing in reaching the UN-connected?
- ❖ August 20th – 21st – Back 2 School Weekend... who are you inviting?
- ❖ Don't stop... SERVE LIKE CRAZY, plan your Life Groups next serve event.
- ❖ Make Shared Ministry Assignments and then Fellowship together.

(Now is the time to welcome the children back into the group and let them share something about what they've learned. Have a brief time of prayer with the whole group before fellowship).