

Do Something for Others!

Life Group Agenda for the week of January 15th through 21st

WELCOME (5 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, “*Believe.*” 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*).

Intro VIDEO (5-10 min) – At this time you will play the introduction video, which can found on the church website in the same place you can find the Life Group agenda.

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.

INTRODUCTION: What is something that you have done for others that you felt really good about in times past?

Allow 5 – 7 minutes for this question.

Read Hebrews 10:23-25. What is the author or Hebrews communicating to his readers, and why do you think he was communicating that message to them?

Facilitator Notes: The author of Hebrews is communicating 4 things in this passage: Hold tightly to our hope in God, motivate one another to acts of love and good works, do not neglect meeting together and encourage one another. The message is a message of encouragement and challenge to stay strong in the midst of persecution and opposition.

Spend about 5 – 7 minutes on this question.

How would that same message apply to us and other Christians today?

Facilitator Notes: Our society today is growing more and more hostile to the message and belief that Jesus Christ is Lord. Open persecution and the murdering of Christians takes place in other nations, and there is not a continent in the world today where the Christian church does not face opposition and various forms of persecution. It is important that we hold tightly to our hope in God, meet together, serve and encourage others.

Spend about 5 – 7 minutes on this question.

What are some ways that others ‘motivate me’, and what are some ways that I should be motivating others?

Spend about 5 – 7 minutes on this question.

Read Matthew 20:26-28 and 1 Peter 4:10. What does it mean to ‘serve’ other people, and why is that important for God, for others and for me?

Facilitator Notes: In a society that tells us to strive to be the best and be at the top, the idea of serving (putting others before ourselves) sends a clear distinct message. When we serve, we communicate

love to the ones we are serving. When we serve, it communicates that our lives are not just about us, but that we represent Jesus. When we serve, we are blessed through the act of serving.

Spend about 5 – 7 minutes on this question.

Read Colossians 3:16, Romans 15:14 and Proverbs 27:17. What are some things that I would like to learn from some long-time Christians?

Facilitator Notes: Each of these passages communicate the importance of sharing with one another the lessons we have learned in life through our personal experiences. It is about gaining wisdom from one another through community, not just about imparting facts about specific topics. When investing in the lives of others, we not only help them to grow in their relationship with God, but also our own relationship with God.

Spend about 5 – 7 minutes on this question.

What are some things that I've learned in my Christian walk that I could share with others?

Spend about 5 – 7 minutes on this question.

What are some steps that I could and should take to encourage and help others in 2012?

Spend about 5 – 7 minutes on this question.

PRAY TOGETHER

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.
- ❖ Sunday, 22nd – I Want to KNOW Lunch
- ❖ January 28th and 29th we will have our Volunteer Revolution Fair
- ❖ Super Bowl Weekend will be a great opportunity to invite our Friends, Relatives, Associates and Neighbors to church.
- ❖ 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).