

# LIFE GROUPS

**LEADER PAGE | Ascent | WEEK 10 of 15 | Sermon date:** October 09, 2022

## **Orality** *(Biblical Storytelling)*

Typically we do sermon-based curriculum however, from time to time we will pivot to another method called “Orality”. This is a simple and effective way to have a group discussion regarding a biblical principle around a biblical story. For those who attended Refocus, you’ll recall the breakout we offered around Orality, and we’ve also used it a few times in the past. Simply read the passage before group, internalize it, then share it in your own words during group time and discuss accordingly. Follow the Facilitator page as it’s plainly laid out for all. Reach out to your Life Group pastor if needed for clarity.

## **Before Group** *(do the heart work)*

Since we’re pivoting to Orality this week, before group you’ll need to spend time reading and meditating on **1 Samuel 24:1-15**. A few days before group, read it a few times, then read it to yourself out loud. Visualize all the events of this story found in this passage. Now without memorizing it, you should be familiar enough to simply retell the story in your own words (it’s ok if you miss some details because we will read it directly from God’s Word after you share it in group for accuracy). If you can, then great, because you’ll be sharing it in your own words during group. Think of it as retelling and sharing a story with a friend. Stories are a powerful God-given tool and this week in group we’ll step into that more.

## **During Group** *(facilitate effectively)*

Group will look different this week as we’re using Orality (biblical storytelling). Hopefully you’ve done your homework and have spent time with the story (1 Sam. 24:1-15) so that you can share the story in group. After doing so, you’ll then ask the group to rebuild the story from the beginning by allowing everyone to share a piece at a time until the story is complete. Then, to make sure we honor God’s word with accuracy, we’ll read it directly from the Bible. Then we’ll move into the discussion questions. Our **HEAD** question has us analyzing the circumstances in the story and talking through how David handles it and why he may have acted this way. Our **HEART** question gets us to consider how David’s “relational circuits” dictated his actions, not his circumstances. Then we’re asked to share a situation in our life where we have the chance to live in a similar way and truly reflect God’s heart. Finally, our **HANDS** question suggests that if this is what it looks like to love others well, what are some practical ways that we could do this personally, collectively and corporately? The Follow Up questions are there for you to potentially use if you find them helpful. Try a few out and see what responses you get.

## **After Group** *(leading intentionally)*

Following group this week, ask the Lord to reveal who in your group might need some dedicated time with you. Go beyond just meeting up for coffee. Invite that person(s), or couple, over for dinner this week simply to spend some time and proximity with them and see what the Lord does with that.

### **Leader Announcements** *(for you specifically)*

The Life Groups Leader Podcast is wrapping up its second season! There is a ton of valuable and practical material here and it all for you! It's a free audible investment into your leadership! Jump on today and check it out by clicking [here](#) for Apple Music or [here](#) for Spotify!

### **Did You Know?** *(Reinforcing culture)*

There are only 6 more weeks in our Life Group season for 2022! Yes! Every season runs from mid-Jan to mid-Nov. During that down time, we'll be on an intentional holiday break! More details to come.

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## **FACILITATOR PAGE** | *(Reproducible Process/Overall Alignment)*

### **Welcome | Opening Prayer | Highs & Lows** *(5 mins.)*

### **Weekly Vision Checklist** *(Intentional Leader - 5 mins.)*

- *Announcements (see bottom of Leader Page)*
- *Our Why (Jesus commands us to make disciples. Mt. 28:18-19)*
- *Our Goal (spiritual growth in becoming disciple makers)*
- *Our How (is Life Groups, cast a vision around importance of branching)*
- *Guidelines (setting the rails for healthy discussion)*
  - *Confidentiality (what's said here stays here)*
  - *Avoid Crosstalk (no side conversations while others are sharing)*
  - *Avoid Fixing & Rescuing (fight the urge to jump in and save)*
  - *Use I Statements (avoid using general terms, speak personally)*
  - *Contribute Over Consume (everyone is encouraged to participate)*
  - *Be Mindful of Self (allow all to share and use humor responsibly)*

### **Hook Question** *(a related thought-provoking question- 5 mins.)*

How competitive are you, and are you a graceful winner? Share a past experience.

### **Implications** *(discussion questions based off the underlined implication - 5 mins.)*

1. When we are young, the impressions made on us are sometimes very hard to let go of. Even when they are not true.
2. We can be oppressed and endure and make the best choices.
3. We can only truly reflect God's heart when we live whole-brained.
4. Gratitude is the way we develop the stamina to endure well.

### **Share the Story** *(1 Samuel 24:1-15 in your own words - 2 mins.)*

**Rebuild the Story** *(ask your group to rebuild the story together without your help - 2 mins.)*

**Read the Story** *(for accuracy, read the story out loud from the Bible - 1 min.)*

**Discussion Questions** *(going beyond the surface- 55 mins.)*

- **HEAD** - Read 1 Sam. 24:11-12 again. How did David have the upper hand here, also, what did he do with it and why do you think he acted in this way?

- **HEART** – David acted in honor even when his circumstances presented another way, yet his “relational circuits” were fully on. Where in your life is there an opportunity for you to live “whole-brained” and truly reflect God’s heart like David did?  
(Follow-Up Questions: Can you tell us more about that? Who is affected most if you choose not to live this way? If you allow circumstances to dictate your actions, what could happen?)
- **HANDS** – How can we intentionally seek to love others well from this perspective and what exactly would that look like for you personally? For us as a group? For us as a church?

**Prayer Prompts** (*Scripture-fed, Spirit-led, Worship-based prayer prompts – 10 mins.*)

Father, you designed us in your image, which looks like \_\_\_\_\_.

Because you gave us that image, I desire to \_\_\_\_\_.

I want to truly reflect you heart, so help me to \_\_\_\_\_.

When \_\_\_\_\_ comes I will be ready to choose honor over any other way.