



LifeGroups

JESUS | COMMUNITY | PURPOSE



Southeast
CHRISTIAN CHURCH



Our Vision

We are a Christ-centered community
of world changing disciples.

We do this intentionally through
relational environments.



Living a spiritually disciplined life



Moving from brokenness to
wholeness



Pursuing purposeful connection



Making a global impact

Life Group Components

Biblical Foundation

Intentional Leadership

Relational Environment

Reproducible Process

Church-Wide Alignment

Weekly Vision Checklist



Church Announcements

a reminder of what is happening at Southeast



The "Why"

connection, making disciples, engaging God's Word



Goal

grow as disciples toward spiritual maturity



Outreach

neighborhoods, schools, jobs, communities, etc.



Group Guidelines

see next page



Branching

continuing the process of discipleship

Guidelines

1 **Confidentiality**

What is said in the group, stays in the group.

2 **No Crosstalk**

No side conversations.

3 **Listen**

Stay present in the conversation.

4 **Pause**

Allow a pause after someone shares; this allows them to finish their thought.

5 **Silence**

Silence provides an opportunity for the group to process the topic.

6 **Don't Rescue**

Avoid the tendency to rescue when someone is struggling to share a conviction or thought.

7 **Use "I" Statements**

Refrain from saying, "they," "the church," "society," "people," etc.

8 **Sharing**

Don't over-share, but don't be afraid to speak.

9 **Conflict Resolution**

In conflict, share your concern with the person or seek wisdom if you are unsure how to handle the situation.

10 **Household Rules**

Respect the rules of the host home (take off shoes, clean up afterwards, leave by 8 pm, etc.).

11 **Don't Fix**

Instead of trying to fix the issue, join people in their pain.

Agenda

Arrival & Welcome

Pray Together

Ice Breaker / God Moments /
Highs & Lows

Weekly Vision Checklist

Recap Last Week's Message

Questions & Discussion

Prayer Requests

Take Attendance

Closing Prayer

Dismissal

Facilitation

Ice Breaker Question Ideas

What do you like to do with your spare time?

What did you want to be when you grew up?

If you were banished to a desert island and could only bring one thing to eat (that would never run out), what would it be?

What is your perfect vacation?

If your house was burning down, what 3 objects would you try to save?

If you could have dinner with any person, who would it be?

If you could ask God one question, what would it be?

Name one person who is not a family member that has had a great influence in your life.

Talk about a purchase you made that you regret.

Name a gift you will never forget.

Facilitation

Observation Questions

What's going on in this passage?

What is the context?

Have you had someone in your life that modeled the principles in these verses?

Emotional Questions

How does this passage make you feel?

Follow-Up Questions

(...come after someone makes a point)

Tell me more about that.
Unpack that for us.

What does that mean to you?

What does everyone else think?
Do you agree with that?

I'm not sure I understand what you're saying. Could you tell me a little bit more?

I'm not sure I know the answer to that. Group, what do you think?

Interpretation Questions

What stands out to you in this passage?

What is this passage revealing to you?

Self-Revelation Questions

Can you think of a time in your own life when you experienced this?

How are you doing in light of the truth of this passage?

What do you struggle or wrestle with the most about this?

What are some obstacles that get in the way of living this out, and would change if you lived this out?

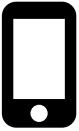
What is the Holy Spirit showing you personally in this passage?

Application Questions

How can you incorporate the truth of this passage into your life?

What can you do this week to live this out?

Shepherding



Call Each Person/Household

"How was your week?"

"How can we pray for you?"



Send an Encouraging Text

Text a scripture.

Tell them they're on your mind.



Follow Up on a Specific Concern or Prayer Request



Invite to Dinner/Coffee

Apprentice Training

Life Group Season = 12 Months

1

I DO, YOU WATCH

Have them observe how you intentionally lead the group.

3-6 months

2

WE DO

Share responsibilities, and let them ask some of the questions, pray, and co-lead the evening.

3

YOU DO, I WATCH

Let them lead while you're there.

6-9 months

4

YOU DO

Have them cover for you when you have to miss an evening.

9-12 months

Meet with your Life Groups
Pastor to discuss best practices.

Places to Play

Have a conversation with the people who are fulfilling these roles, prior to your Life Group meeting. Allow others to have some ownership in the group. Consider who could share the load in the following areas:

**Lead
Opening or
Closing
Prayer**

**Facilitate
Discussion
Questions**

**Host the
Group**

**Coordinate
Snacks or
Meals**

**Lead the
Icebreaker**

**Organize
Monthly
"Fun Night"**

Branching



WHAT IS BRANCHING?

Branching is when a group reproduces or multiplies itself.



WHY DO WE BRANCH?

Branching is the ideal way to create more room for those who aren't currently connected in a relational environment.



HOW DO WE BRANCH?

4 POTENTIAL STRATEGIES

1. Send out your apprentice(s) to lead their own group(s).
2. Hand over the group to your apprentice(s) and you take a new group.
3. When the group becomes too large, one group can become two groups and meet in different rooms in the same house, and the apprentice(s) can lead one of the groups.
4. When the group becomes too large, you can branch into two groups, one group staying with the original leader, the other group going with the apprentice(s) as their new leader(s).

Always discuss branching with your Life Groups Pastor for best practices and alignment.

