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Discipleship Phrase: His heart, my hands.

Big Idea for Series: Jesus' heart for the Kingdom is on full display.

Leading (*facilitate your group effectively*)

This week, Brad Gray was a guest speaker, and we encourage you to share your thoughts around the message. However, we will not have formal discussion questions related to the message. Instead of formal discussion questions, we will ask you to lead your group through **Guided Prayer**. If you recall we did this back in April and our aim is to do so quarterly. It will look different than your typical group gatherings however, it will prove to be relational and impactful when executed well. Prayer is powerful, and nothing else ushers in God's presence like it. For that very reason, we will be intentional about prioritizing prayer. Please be sure to give your group the opportunity to experience God's presence through **Guided Prayer** during your group time this week.

What Guided Prayer is.

A time where your Life Group meets, on your group night, to pray for specific needs which will be prompted by the curriculum and led by you, as the leader. Nights of Guided Prayer will not include our standard curriculum with the sermon implications & discussion questions as the focus rather, the focus will be on praying together.

Leading through Guided Prayer. Set the stage well by sharing the importance & power of prayer with the group. Explain how this evening will look different from your "regular" group time. Let them know that you'll open in prayer and that you'll then lead with some guided prompts (see facilitator page) to bring before the Lord. Simply read each prompt allowing about 60 seconds or so of silence for them to pray to themselves or out loud for the topic. After praying over all the prompts, leave space at the end for a time of open prayer where your group members can lift up anything that is on their heart.

**Guided Prayer can potentially seem awkward at first however, trust the process and be mindful that if it seems clunky and strange to you, it will feel that way to others as well. Be confident and lead well through prayer time.*

Shepherding (*know, feed, lead, and protect the sheep*)

You know our saying, "Every group deserves a great group leader". One of the best ways to shepherd well is by taking advantage of all resources available to you. Diversify your leadership by receiving these investments into you: Curriculum, Podcalls, The Life Group Leader Podcasts, Workshops, and relationship with your group pastor.

- Listen now to the Life Group Leader Podcast! On Spotify [here](#), and on Apple Podcasts [here](#)!

Church Announcements (*be in the know & share with your group*)

- One of our first tier ministry partners, SECOR, is having a gala and golf scramble on August 22nd and 23rd. Click [here](#) for more info and to register today!

REMEMBER: "Every group deserves a great leader."

LifeGroups at Southeast



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Welcome/Introductions (*creating a relational environment starts here; be friendly & acknowledge everyone*)

Open in Prayer (*kickoff every group gathering by inviting in the Lord's presence*)

Weekly Vision Checklist (*announcements, the "why", goal, outreach, guidelines, & branching*)

Introduce Guided Prayer (*define and relay the expectations for the night, see leader page*)

Pray Together (*pray for each prompt, allow silence following each period, see Leader page for more detail*)

- Begin by giving thanks to God for whatever your heart prompts you to.
- Pray that God be glorified above all else.
- Pray that this would be a church that prioritizes prayer and that you will personally.
- Pray that this would be a church that always honors God's word and that you will personally.
- Pray for healing and wholeness for ourselves and others.
- Pray the presence of God would become greater and greater in your life.
- Pray for relational discipleship to take root in our culture at Southeast.
- Pray for spiritual growth personally and corporately.
- Pray for our pastor, our elders, and our staff along with their families as well.
- Pray for everyone being shepherded by our Family Ministries team.
- Pray for everyone being shepherded by our Adult Ministries team.
- Pray for everyone being shepherded by our Worship team.
- Pray for everyone being shepherded by our Missions team.
- Pray for everyone being shepherded by our Life Groups team.
- Pray for alignment. Pray Life Group leaders and members.
- Pray for our Operations team.
- Pray for the next wave of Life Group leaders.
- Pray for our entire congregation.
- Pray for our community.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to move in the hearts of our people.
- Pray for more and more of His kingdom here and now.
- Take this time to allow open prayer so that others can share what is on their hearts.

Prayer Requests (*record, share, and follow up throughout the week. Use the LEAD App or CCB if possible.*)

Wrap up (*spend the remaining time sharing what it has meant praying together*)

Closing Prayer (*ask openly for a volunteer, encourage your people to step outside of their comfort zone regularly*)

