

# LIFE GROUPS

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**Discipleship Phrase:** God's church, God's way.

**Big Idea for Series:** God's church is built on His principles.

## **Abiding** *(grow as a disciple yourself)*

Take a moment and look up a few verses that point to God's house. There's always been a "dwelling place" for the Spirit of God yet this is not for God, it's for us. He doesn't need a house (Acts 7:48), yet for our sake He has such place. The body of Christ (which He is the head, of the church), has a place to come together to worship corporately as a family of faith. Be prayerful this week at seeking out what God's intention for the church is and in what ways He might be calling you to serve it? Also take note of your heart posture towards God's house. Is it anything like Psalm 100:4?

## **Leading** *(facilitate your group effectively)*

The sermon this week will land on Romans 12:11 which is Paul encouraging believers to "never be lacking in zeal", and to "keep spiritual fervor" all while "serving the Lord". During our discussion time this week, we'll see how this verse might be connected with two others and we'll unpack what it means, on a head and heart level, to have "zeal". By definition, zeal is, great energy or enthusiasm in pursuit of a cause or an objective. The thrust of these questions is to invite us in to self-assess our heart posture towards church and to explore the evidence. Question 4 talks about consumer vs. contributor and we're basically asking which one people believe they are and why. Finally, we'll end on seeking out ways to encourage each other and hold one another accountable moving forward. This is a great discussion to have this early in the season. This is a potentially difficult discussion that will help provide you with insight to help shepherd your group this season.

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

Following your group discussion this week, revisit where each member is in their heart towards unity and God's desire for us to be in relationship. Are some of your members struggling to have the motivation to attend church or life group? Be an encourager to those who are struggling with enthusiasm to pursue God and what He wants to do through them. How do your members feel about stepping into community with others to worship, pray, serve, encourage, and comfort? Ask how you can support and pray for them moving forward. Some may need an invite to sit with you during the service you attend or an invitation to serve in the area you volunteer in the church.

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

Men's breakfast March 19, 2022 7:30 AM-9:00 AM. Register [here](#).

### **REMEMBER:**

**"Every group deserves a great leader."**

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## Welcome/Introductions & Opening Prayer

**Ice Breaker, God Moments, or Highs & Lows** (*choose what fits best*)

**Weekly Vision** (*Announcements, The “Why”, Goal, Outreach, Guidelines, & Branching*)

*Guidelines: Confidentiality, Avoid Crosstalk, Avoid fixing & Rescuing, Use “I” Statements, Contribute over Consume, Be Mindful of Self (allow all to share & use humor responsibly).*

**Ask a Hook Question** (*a thought-provoking question*)

Growing up, where was your favorite place to go and why?

**Recap the Message** (*ask a couple people to share*)

**Scripture References** (*Read scriptures directly from the Bible*)

**Romans 12:11 (ESV), John 2:17 (ESV), Psalm 9, Acts 9:1-19 (ESV)**

**Implications** (*takeaways from the message*)

1. God has created purpose for all of us; our job is to pursue it with passion.
2. When we know God’s voice, we can discern his purposes for us.
3. It doesn’t matter what our assignments are, it matters that we carry out the ones we’ve been given.
4. We have not been chosen to be spectators of the church; we have been chosen to be the church.

**Discussion Questions** (*going beyond the surface*)

1. Read Rom. 12:11, John 2:17 & Psalm 9. How might these verses be connected?
2. How would you describe “zeal” and more importantly how’s your “zeal” for the Lord’s house?
3. How important is attending church regularly to you? Why or why not?
4. Would you say that you’re a consumer or a contributor to your local church? How so?
5. What are some ways that this group can encourage each other to grow in our “zeal” for God’s house as well as attend weekly?

**Prayer requests/closing Prayer** (*ask openly for a volunteer*)

Tonight, close your group by reading all three scripture references (in question 1) again out loud. Then pray through these scriptures asking the Lord for this kind of “zeal” for His house.