

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*)

The psalmist wrote, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Ps. 119:105). Take some time this week to meditate on the metaphors used to describe God's Word in this verse. What do these metaphors teach us about the impact God intends for his Word to have upon our lives?

Leading (*facilitate your group effectively*)

Our culture is full of tension-loaded areas much like the 1st Century Christians faced. We have opportunities to step into others' lives, get to know them, and share the gospel of Christ. Group discussion can move into many topics and into the weeds. Rather than getting off into tangents with charged topics, point discussion to personal experience and ask further questions that help people go deeper. Questions 2 & 3 asks us to revisit experiences we've had that didn't go well. Investigate further on how those conversations could have been better. How much of how we live for Christ influences the way we reach out to others and share the gospel. As members take steps towards others this week, recognize the importance of faithful living and getting to know people well enough to speak their language.

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

Many will be sharing this week stories of how their words either built up and/or tore down another and how the communication of those around them has done the same. Make sure to be intentional this week about "speaking the language" of each person in your group through a phone call or text to encourage them in their walk and to "practice what they preach."

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

Infusion Bible Conference is August 15th-17th. Join Southeast and Brad Gray to learn to study the Bible with greater confidence by understanding its original context. This year we will survey the life, legacy and last words of the apostle John. Use promo code SECCFAMILY2022 for a significant discount. Click [here](#) to register!

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*)

How many languages do you speak? If you don't speak any other language, which one do you want to speak and why?

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

Scripture References (*Read scriptures directly from the Bible*)
Acts 19:32-41 (ESV)

Implications (*takeaways from the message*)

1. The world is changed by faithful living as a child of God and a follower of Christ Jesus.
2. When the world is being changed by the Gospel of Christ, we're going to encounter pushback.
3. Sometimes our previous religious heritage and cultural heritage is going to be at odds with the Gospel, and when it is, we have to choose the Gospel.
4. We have to be able to speak people's language if we want them to listen to us.

Discussion Questions (*going beyond the surface*)

1. Read Acts 19:32-41. Clearly the tensions are high. How did the city clerk de-escalate the situation? Why was it effective?
2. Share a time when you didn't speak someone's language well while sharing the gospel and it didn't go as you had planned.
3. Share a time when someone spoken your language to reach you for the sake of the gospel? How did they do that well compared to other conversations you have had?
4. How can you move towards others this week by speaking their language and knowing their story?

Closing Prayer (*ask openly for a volunteer*)