

# 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)*

It seems like now more than ever everyone is obsessed with phrases like “you be you”; “think for yourself”; “do you”; or “follow your heart.” Our culture highly values individuals following no one and nothing but themselves, as if the source of all that's good, true and beautiful originates in self - but nothing could be further from the truth. God's design for humanity is not that we'd think for ourselves, be ourselves, or follow our hearts but that we'd think God's thoughts, be God's children; follow God's heart and ultimately, follow his Son Jesus Christ. Are you setting aside time every day to learn God's thoughts, grow in the family likeness and follow His heart?

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

Paul had a huge impact on spreading the gospel of Christ during the 1st Century. He was a model to follow in how he lived his life for Christ. The focus this week is to look at our character and what/who we truly represent. As we live for Christ and imitate Him, we bear the fruit of the Spirit. Question 3 asks members to look at their lives and how they are modeling Christ. Stepping into action, help your members reflect on their lives to identify others that have impacted their journey with Christ. Take the step to thank and affirm those who have modeled Christ well to you. The additional challenge is to lean more into relationship with others for the purpose of drawing others closer to God.

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

After hearing a sermon like the one spoken this week, there could be some potential triggers in the folks you lead. You might find some of your people discouraged and wondering if they are leading a life that is worth imitating. For those members you find struggling with their value, purpose, or legacy...remind them of Philippians 1:6 which reads: “I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.” Our hope is in Him, not of the things and/or people of this world. Putting our trust, hopes and dreams in the mighty and capable hands of our Savior is what will allow our walk to transform our lives and keep us on the path of His choosing. Find some ways this week that you can encourage the people in your group to see how He is building legacy through them.

## **Life Group Leader Announcements** *(specific to group leaders)*

Save the date! Refocus training in on August 28, 2022, from 12:30-3:30. Stay tuned for a registration link and more info!

## **REMEMBER:**

**“Every group deserves a great leader.”**

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**Welcome/Introductions & Opening Prayer** (5 minutes)

**Ice Breaker, God Moments, or Highs & Lows** (*choose what fits best-5 minutes*)

**Weekly Vision** (*Announcements, The “Why”, Goal, Outreach, Guidelines, & Branching- 5 minutes*)

*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- 5 minutes*)

Can you do an impersonation?

**Recap the Message** (*ask a couple people to share- 5 minutes*)

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

**1 Corinthians 11:1** (ESV)

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

1. Our legacy is the people we have made better along the way.
2. When we are working to overcome life’s struggles, we have a life worth living.
3. Character matters. People remember who you are, not what you say.
4. The last 10 percent of your life is more important than the first 90.

**Discussion Questions** (*going beyond the surface-55 minutes*)

1. Read 1 Corinthians 11:1. What does this verse mean to you and how would you know who to imitate?
2. Who are you imitating and what characteristics/fruit do they model?
3. What fruit are you modeling that might draw someone to you?
4. Identify 1 person whose legacy has impacted you most; if possible, reach out to them with thanks and affirmation. How can you create more time and proximity (relationship) with others who are further along than you, worthy of imitation?

**Closing Prayer** (*ask openly for a volunteer-10 minutes*)