

# LIFE GROUPS

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**Guided Prayer: Scripture fed, spirit led, worship-based prayer.**

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

This week our curriculum is focusing on guided prayer as a Life Group. Daniel Henderson, a guest preacher in August of 2021 (click [here](#) to listen), boiled it down like this: we pray simply because, “He is worthy, and we are needy.” Let’s seek the face of God and not just the hand of God, and our heart posture will change from request-based prayer (self-focused) to worship-based prayer (God focused). Shifting our focus to seeking God’s face and not just His hand, we begin to *experience* prayer.

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

Set the stage well by sharing the importance of prayer. Explain how this evening will look different from “regular” group time. Let them know that you’ll open in prayer and that you’ll then lead them in guided prompts (see facilitator page). Simply read the scripture then move through the **4 R’s** (see below) by reading the prompts out loud with your response, then invite each group member to read the prompt aloud with their response as they feel led and make it comfortable for those who chose not to pray on certain prompts. Feel free to add some ambient music to set the tone.

**Reverence:** Begin with a focus of worship on the character of God as we take time to focus our entire being on the wonders of who God is.

**Response:** Our response to God’s character in prayer as we consider His will, from His Word and for the sake of His purposes on earth. *Introspection and surrender mark this time of response.*

**Requests:** Now that we have rightly worshipped our God and Savior — and we have wholly surrendered to His will for our lives — we can now boldly bring our requests before Him, knowing that we are asking “in His name” and for His glory.

**Readiness:** This outward stroke reminds us of the spiritual battle before us, and more importantly, reassures us of the spiritual resource within us, the Holy Spirit. We entrust our welfare for the warfare to the delivering force of our Divine Enabler, through the power of His presence and promises.

**Leader Announcements:** July 17, 2022 is the next Life Group Leader Prayer Meeting from 10:30 – 11:30 in meeting room C! Click [here](#) to register!

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

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## **Welcome/Introductions & Opening Prayer**

Make note that tonight will be a guided prayer night and cast vision for the group.

\*\*\*Make certain to read the *entire* Leader Page for context around guided prayer.\*\*\*

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

**Scripture References** (*Read from the Bible*) Psalm 42 (ESV) and begin prayer.

**Reverence:** Praiseworthy attributes displayed in this text: (Here’s a few, find more.)

- Satisfier of our souls – v. 1
- Living God – v. 2
- Present and approachable – v. 2
- Worthy of glad shouts and songs of praise – v. 3
- Our hope – v. 6, 11
- Our salvation – v. 6, 11
- Steadfast love -v. 8
- God of our life -v. 8
- Our rock – v. 9
- Sovereign over suffering -v. 3, 9-10

**Reverence prayer prompts:** (consider His attributes as you worship Him)

- Lord, my soul longs for You because You are...
- Lord, thank You for satisfying my soul when...
- O God, You are worthy of glad shouts and songs of praise even when...
- Lord, thank you for fulfilling my hope for...
- Because You are the God of hope, I will praise You even when...
- Lord, thank You for saving me from...
- I praise You for commanding Your steadfast love to me when I...
- God of my life, thank You for being with me in my suffering of...

**Response prayer prompts:** (our response to God's character in prayer as we consider His will, from His Word and for the sake of His purposes on earth)

- Lord, I admit my soul is cast down about...and help me to hope in You!
- Lord, when others say “where is your God,” I will remember that You...
- I confess that I felt forgotten by You when...and say again that You are my rock!

**Request prayer prompts:** (boldly bring our requests before Him, knowing that we are asking “in His name” and for His glory)

- Satisfy my soul's longing for...
- Lord, bring Your hope and salvation to...
- As I pour out my soul to You about...help me remember that I am not alone!
- Lord, command Your steadfast love to me as I face the suffering of...
- Help me see Your face today as I struggle with...
- Lord, be my rock today when I feel overwhelmed about...
- In my pain and distress, help me to hope in You for...

**Readiness prayer prompts:** (an outward stroke that reminds us of the spiritual battle before us, and reassures us of the spiritual resource within us)

- Lord, I trust You today to be my hope, especially when...
- Lord, help me remember Your steadfast today as I face the adversary of...
- When my soul is cast down about...help me trust in Your salvation!

**Bring Your Prayer Time to a Close**