

Preparing for LifeGroup

1. Prepare for each LifeGroup session by praying for:
 - A. Each group member
 - B. That God would make His Word (the Bible) clear to people in the group.
 - C. That God will help you as you lead
2. Personally prepare for the LifeGroup Discussion by:
 - A. Reading through this LifeGuide and becoming familiar with the content.
 - B. Make sure you take time to read and study the Scripture that is used in this LifeGuide.
3. Create a positive LifeGroup Environment by:
 - A. Serving Food! (Snacks or a meal – rotate who provides) - *optional
 - B. Arranging the seating where everyone can see everyone's face
 - C. Setting the room temperature @ 69 degrees (cold keeps them awake)
 - D. Placing pets in another room
 - E. Supervising and placing children in a remote room
 - F. Keeping room bright with natural and artificial lighting
 - G. Having light/fun music playing (low to medium sound volume)
 - H. Having pens available
 - I. Keeping extra Bibles on hand
 - J. Making sure everyone knows each other
 - K. Making sure you don't go too long. (Try aiming for 30 minutes of fellowship at the beginning and 1 hour of group time.)

Now you are ready for group time!

LifeGuide for Wired – What on earth am I here for?

Ice Breakers

Use one or more of the following “Ice Breakers” to get them talking:

- A. *What’s the greatest electronic gadget of your lifetime?*
- B. *What’s the best breakfast you have ever had?*
- C. *How much do you use computers during the week?*

Leader Tips:

Remember that the purpose of the ice breakers is to get everyone involved and ready to talk. Try to make this a natural transition into your Bible study time.

Setting the Stage

Leaders: The purpose of “setting the stage” is to effectively transition from the icebreakers to a discussion of the current weekend message. This section reminds everyone in your group of the overall theme and purpose of the sermon series, and gets their minds prepared for the subject matter.

Micah has started a new 3 week series called *Wired* which is all about serving. We could not do church the way we do without all the volunteers that work together. So many people serve in ways that are unseen, yet so important to the life of the church. Our church will be at its best only when everyone locks in to the truth that we are all “wired to serve.”

Discussion Time

Leaders: Let me take a moment to make you aware of the content found in each LifeGuide, and how you can use it. Remember this is a “guide” so you should not feel compelled to read every word and follow it in perfect order. Basically, I want this guide to provide you Scripture that you can read and study together, explanation and commentary, and discussion questions to get the group talking. The questions are bulleted so that you can locate them easily. The guide does provide you with a general flow for the evening, but you are free to adapt the guide to the needs of your group. You are always welcome to call or email me if you have any questions. Please don’t feel like you are bothering me. It’s my pleasure and my job to help you.

Have someone in your group read Psalm 139:13-14.

Plug in to this truth:

God made me on purpose to serve Him,
so we can make a difference together.

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. (Psalm 139:13-14)

Sakak - to weave, to compose, to form, to construct

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago. (Ephesians 2:10)

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It was Christ who gave . . . some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.
(Ephesians 4:11b - 13)

Wired Proof: Made by God

For by Christ all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. (Colossians 1:16-17)

Wired question: Will I plug in?

- If we are all wired to serve, then why doesn't everyone serve?
- What are some of the barriers or excuses that we use that keep us from serving?
- What is the proper motivation for serving in the local church?
- How does serving help you grow spiritually? What have you learned from serving in the church?
- What would church be like if people did not volunteer to serve in the children's ministry?
- Why is it important for the men to lead out in serving?
- We need to serve not because God needs us, but because we need to serve Him. Why is this true?

Leaders: This is a shorter lifeguide, but you should have plenty to talk about when it comes to serving. Get your group members to share personal stories of how serving has helped them grow spiritually. Talk about how your group can better serve the body of Christ. Challenge your group to serve in the greatest areas of need, which are usually children and preschool.

Wrap Up

Sum up the lesson by re-capping the main point and challenge the group to apply the truth to their life this week.

1. Ask for praise reports from previous prayer requests
2. Ask for prayer requests
3. Ask each person (or couple) to volunteer for part of next week's meal/snack.
4. Make any announcements
5. Close with prayer and praise

☺ Let me know if you have any questions.

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