



## LifeGroup Guide

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*"The idea of abundance is about the God-centered flourishing life that belongs to every Christian, and would even include the martyr who holds on to hope after witnessing his wife and children slaughtered before his eyes. [A false idea] of abundance is about the American Dream with a veneer of Christian spirituality."*

- Trevin Wax

### 1. Catch Up On Life:

*This is when we update each other on the day in and day out happenings of our lives. As church family, we care about each other's lives: what we're celebrating, what we're mourning, what decisions we're praying through, and everything in between. (1 Thessalonians 2:8, Romans 12:10 and 15)*

- **Celebrate the wins** -where have you seen Jesus working in the last week (shaping you to be more like Himself or working in the lives of those that He's put around you)?
- What (if any) big life updates do you need to catch us up on (positive or negative)?

**Pray:** Take every opportunity to pray and thank God for the good He's doing in our lives, and ask for help and healing anywhere there is pain.

### 2. Review the Mission:

*Just like God the Father sent Jesus on a mission of reconciliation for us, Jesus sends us out as ambassadors of His reconciliation. We are called to make disciples wherever we go. (John 20:21 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-20)*

#### People:

- **Reactive** - Who in your life (family, coworkers, etc.) can we join you in praying for? Who has God put around you that is showing spiritual interest? Who is hurting and could use some love from our group?
- **Proactive** - Who are the people we are intentionally living on mission with (neighbors, STC partner organizations, or a specific demographic in Columbia)? What are our upcoming plans to love, serve and build relationships with this group?

#### Plan:

- Are there any rhythms already planned, or an extra rhythm we could plan to create a way for these friends to connect with our group?

**Pray:** Prayer is the fuel of God's mission. Let's pray for our people by name; pray for their needs, and opportunities to have spiritual conversations that help them take next steps toward Jesus.

### 3. Sermon Discussion:

*God uses His Word to reveal Himself to us, to equip us to live the good life He's designed for us, to show us our sin, and to strengthen us as we follow Him. We preach the Word on Sundays and apply it as a LifeGroup throughout the week. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Colossians 1:9-12 and James 1:22-25)*

**Primary Passages:** John 6:25-40; 47-51; 66-69

**Read and Recap:** Have someone read **John 6:25-40, 47-51, and 66-69** and recap the highlights from this week's sermon.

In the sermon, we heard about the religious worldview called "moralistic therapeutic deism" - the 5 tenets being:

1. A god created the world and watches over it.
  2. God wants people to be good and fair to each other, which is taught in most world religions.
  3. The main goal of life is to be happy.
  4. God doesn't need to be involved in your life until He is needed to fix a problem.
  5. Good people go to heaven when they die.
- How do you see this worldview played out in the people around you?
  - How are you tempted to believe these things, or that Jesus is irrelevant when it comes to being satisfied?

**Reread John 6:30-34.** In verse 33, Jesus states that "the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

- What false bread are you tempted to look to in search of the good life? In what ways have these other sources of life failed to meet your needs in the way that Jesus promises that He will?

- How have you turned a life lived with God into a life lived for God - rejecting Jesus as everyday sustenance by making your life out to be a disconnected spiritual performance? How has this been less satisfying than what the Lord promises?

*Every Group  
Around the Pool*

**Reread John 6:47-51.** Jesus calls us to simply believe in Him and consume the Bread of Life.

- Who in your life needs the Bread of Life? In what way does this move you to live on mission?

### 4. Engage the Heart:

*Jesus calls us to walk in the light, confessing our sins to God and each other. God's Spirit works through confession and community to lead us to repentance. (Romans 3:23-24, James 5:16 and 1 John 1:5-10)*

- What sinful thoughts or habits have you experienced this week as a product of any disbelief you have about Jesus or who He has made you to be?
- What truth does the gospel offer in response to the lies about Jesus and yourself that you are acting on? (Rest of LG speak into their lives: How does the gospel address and free him/her up?)
- What steps of repentance do you need to take? How can we help you walk in repentance?

**Pray:** James tells us that a community that regularly confesses sin and prays for each other will see a lot of healing. Confess your sins in prayer and pray for each other.