



LIFEgroups Purpose & Vision

The goal and purpose of our LIFEgroups is spiritual and personal growth in Christ. We are confident that participants and leaders alike will be transformed, as we learn and process together, serve together, pray together, and support each other in our journeys with Christ.

What are LIFEgroups?

LIFEgroups are small groups of people who meet regularly to grow in their relationship with Christ, discuss how their faith intersects with their daily lives in caring community, and encourage one another as they find ways to serve Jesus' cause.

Bethesda's C³ Vision Paradigm guides our LIFEgroups.

Christ: Whatever the curriculum, LIFEgroups integrate the Word of God into their conversations, along with honest reflection on their spiritual journeys. Every LIFEgroup is intended to help participants take a step closer to Jesus.

Wherever our starting point, we want to learn more about God and his Word, learn to recognize His work in our lives, become attuned to his leading for ourselves and for each other.

We want to receive and experience the abundant life Jesus promised (John 10:10b). Our culture and society war against community, but God created us for community and intends to bring his work to fulfillment in us through relationships with others (Gen 2:18, Prov. 27:17, Acts 2:42–47).

Community: We believe community is an essential piece of spiritual growth and Christian experience. We are called to love one another. We also experience and understand more of God in the context of relationships with other people.

LIFEgroups give us an opportunity to connect with others and develop friendships. They give us glimpses into other people's journey with Jesus. These groups allow us to play an active role in our faith and in the life of the congregation, with opportunities to exercise our gifts, receive blessings from others, and intentionally reflect on what we know of God and how that knowledge impacts our daily lives.

Cause: We are invited to serve and share in Jesus' cause to rescue lost people and to build them up as followers of him. God is doing a powerful work of re-creation and restoration as he breathes life into us and as he uses us to point others to him through acts of love and service.

LIFEgroups are an opportunity for us to reach people with the Gospel in a variety of ways: through outreach-oriented discussions, by supporting one another to follow God's leading to share the Gospel with people in our circles of influence, by inviting and welcoming someone new to the group, or by serving together in the community. Each group is invited to develop its own missional focus, while, at times, we will invite all groups to participate in congregational mission projects and community service.

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