

Leading a Life Group

The 5 Goals of a Life Group Leader

We believe healthy growth only comes through discipleship and equipping leaders. The greatest way for someone to go all in is to join a life group within the larger family of New Life Church. To establish vision for life group leaders, below is a list of five personal goals for a life group leader to have with each person within his/her group

1. I will learn his/her testimony.

When you know hear from someone how God has saved them and how God has transformed their lives, you have a greater understanding of the spiritual authority, giftings, strengths a person has and it will help when you give them direction. All of the Bible is God doing great things for His people and His people forgetting what He has done, which is why the prophets and Jewish leaders in the Old Testament kept telling Israel to remember what God has done for them and remember the covenant God has with them. When you know what God has done for a person, you can help them remember that when they have an “Israel” moment. You can also help empower them in their future ministry with what experience they have in the past.

This is also helpful in the instance that someone has never chosen to let Christ lead their lives. Asking to know someone’s story is a great way to see where they are with Jesus and can give you indicators on how to assist in the health of their relationship with God. Simple questions can start this conversation like, “When did you decide to follow Jesus with your life?” or, “Why did you decide to receive the love of Jesus and love Him back?” If they never have, there is a great opportunity to share the gospel and invite them to a life with Christ.

2. I will encourage him/her to be baptized if they have not already.

Water baptism for a life group member is an incredible time for that person’s life group to rally around them and celebrate as a family someone’s decision to declare their love and loyalty for Jesus publicly. This next step with such a supportive environment will inspire boldness in that person and the rest of the group members for more steps in Christ.

3. I will disciple him/her.

People join life groups for various reasons: to have more godly friends, to spend time away from bad habits, to develop good habits, to hear teachings. But Christ has called each of us to make disciples. Paul said in 1 Corinthians to follow him as he follows Christ’s example. We exist as life group leaders as an invitation for people to follow us as we follow Christ. Committing to disciple someone is

committing to grow and strengthen someone as they follow Christ. This means one-on-one investment.

4. I will encourage him/her to serve.

Christ is our servant leader and we follow Him. We find our purpose in loving God by loving others when we sacrifice and serve others. Meet with your life group members one on one to find out his/her strengths and passions and help to get them involved in a capacity in which they can use those for Christ!

5. I will help each individual accomplish a personal goal.

When you help someone accomplish a personal goal you have grown closer to them as a friend. You already exist to them as a spiritual coach but when you help them accomplish a personal goal it solidifies that their whole life can be lived for the Lord when done in a Christ-like manner. This gives them the muscle memory of doing things IN the world FOR the Kingdom of God, though it might not seem to be blatantly spiritual.