



## Immanuel's Life Groups

### The Vision

Life Groups, comprised of no more than 10 people, cultivate community, faithfulness, and worship through a simple format of welcome, conversation, engagement with Scripture, and prayer. The premise is simple. Since Jesus is the way, the truth, the life (John 14:6), we want to know Him, to love Him, to follow Him. We need the Holy Spirit, Scripture, and each other to do this fully. As we grow closer to Jesus, we grow closer to each other, and together we become more fully who we are created to be – a people who live together with God (Ephesians 2).

[Sign up](#) to join a Life Group, or contact [Fr. Travis](#) with questions.

### The Format

- **Re-member:** We gather together in a welcoming environment and share food and drink together. (15 minutes)
- **Re-orient:** We fix our eyes on Jesus through participation in a simple liturgy, asking Him to open our eyes. (5 minutes)
- **Receive:** We listen to the Spirit and each other through conversation arising from studying Scripture. (30-45 minutes)
- **Respond:** After answering the question, “How is Jesus inviting me/us to respond?”, we spend time praying for each other, and giving thanks to the Father. (10-15 minutes)
- **Return:** The group returns to participate in the Messiah’s Mission in the world through a blessing and/or song. (1-3 minutes)

## Weekly Questions

- ❖ What have you learned about the person of Jesus – who he is, his priorities, his values, his concerns?
- ❖ What have you learned about the purposes of God – his intent/will/design for individuals, for communities, for the Church; his movement in history.
- ❖ What have you learned about the pattern of life for Jesus' disciples – how is Jesus calling us to live in relation to God, fellow Christians, and others?
- ❖ What resonates with you, stirs you, or encourages you?
- ❖ What challenges you, convicts you, or confuses you?
- ❖ **Where does something from the conversation connect with your life today?**
- ❖ **How is Jesus inviting you to respond?**

### Blessing:

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

### Life Group Gatherings ([Reading The Sermon on the Mount with John Stott](#))

Week of 3/06: Matthew 5:1-6: 1. *Developing Spiritual Character*

Week of 3/13: Matthew 5:7-16: 2. *A Christian's Influence*

Week of 3/20: Matthew 5: 17-30: 3. *A Christian's Righteousness*

Week of 3/27: Matthew 6: 1-18: 5. *A Christian's Religion*

Week of 4/03: Matthew 7:13-29: 8. *A Christian's Commitment*