



## LIFEGROUP Leaders Quarterly Meeting – August 1, 2018

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### Agenda:

#### **Social Time**

6:00-6:30 Dinner. Questions at Tables.

#### **Discussion**

6:30 Revisiting Multiply

6:40 Talk about what's working and what's not working

6:55 LifeGroup Coaching Dashboard

7:10 Bottom of the Ninth: LifeGroup Promotion

7:20 2018-19 Ministry Year Goals for LifeGroups

7:35 Fall 2018 Group Launch

- RightNow Media Bible Studies
- Sermon-Based LifeGroups

7:45 Service Opportunities

7:50 Prayer

### AUGUST 1, 2018

#### **Quarterly LifeGroup Leader's Meeting**

#### FALL LIFEGROUP REGISTRATION PERIOD:

August 12-September 16

Registration Tables in Hallways on Augusts 11-12, Sep. 8-9

#### Fall 2018 Starting Point

#### **Eden Prairie**

September 23-November 11

#### **Edina**

September 26-November 14

### November 2-3, 2018

#### **MULTIPLY CONFERENCE**

#### WINTER LIFEGROUP REGISTRATION PERIOD:

December 23-January 13

Registration Tables in Hallways on January 6

#### Winter 2019 Starting Point

#### **Eden Prairie**

January 27-March 17

#### **Edina**

January 30-March 20

### February 7, 2019

#### **Quarterly LifeGroup Leader's Meeting**



## Revisiting MULTIPLY:

In Matthew 4:19, Jesus said:

“Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

A disciple:

- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.
- is \_\_\_\_\_ by Jesus.
- is \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.

How do Disciples grow?

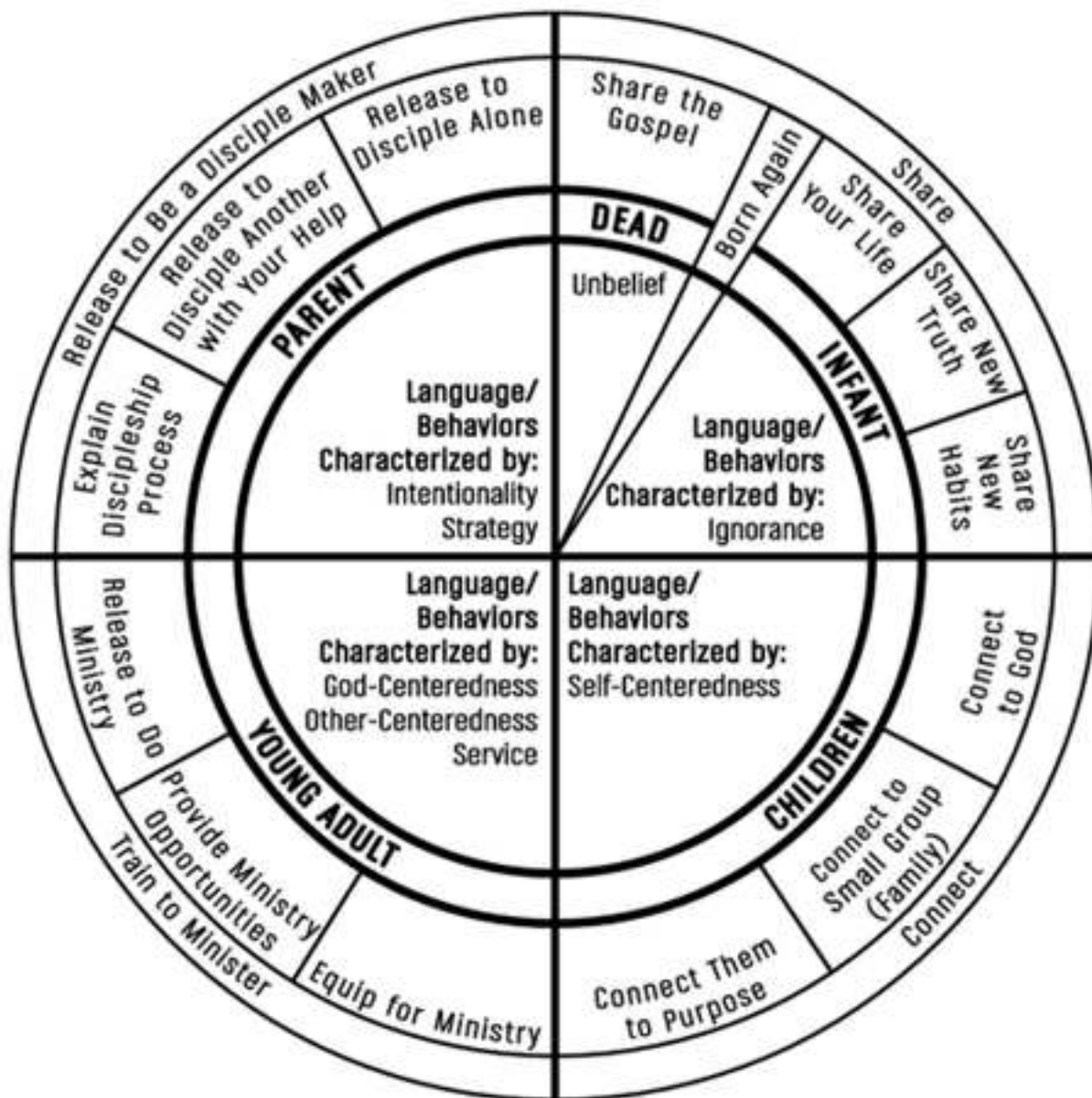
- \_\_\_\_\_ environment
- \_\_\_\_\_ leader
- \_\_\_\_\_ process

Real Discipleship Group Values:

- **Connect** | Relationships that extend beyond group meetings
- **Grow** | Motivate members to live more for Jesus (Follow, Be Changed, On Mission)
- **Serve** | Serve those inside and outside of the group
- **Engage** | Invites and prays for the lost

Effective discipleship groups have an \_\_\_\_\_ who embodies and encourages these values.

The Discipleship Process:





## Helping Group Members Process Growing Pains

Stage	Formation	Exploration	Transition	Action	Birth	Termination
# Meetings Per Stage	4-6	6-10	4-8	12-24	4-8	2-6
Member's Questions	Who is in the group? Do I like my group?	Do I fit here? How is our group doing?	Are we really open with each other? Will this group accomplish its mission?	Authentic Relationship	Authentic Relationship	Authentic Relationship
Member's Feelings	Excitement Anticipation Awkwardness	Comfortable Relaxed Open	Tense Anxious Impatient Doubtful	Eager Open Vulnerable Supportive	Grief Enthusiasm Loss Anticipation Fear	Respectful Reflective Thankful Sad
Member's Role	Gather information about others	Give information Accept others	Provide feedback Express frustration	Express feelings Use my gifts Take ownership Accept challenges	Express concerns Accept reality Discuss changes Give blessing	Show love Express thanks Affirm relationships
Leader's Response	Caring Clear Accepting	Affirmation Feedback Warmth Modeling	Confront Encourage Challenge	Challenge Affirm Guide Release	Listen actively Acknowledge feelings Affirm members	Review Reflect Respond
Leader's Role	Communicate vision Promote sharing Define goals	Generate trust Discuss values Facilitate relationships Create covenant	Provide self-disclosure Re-examine covenant Be flexible	Provide service opportunities Clarify goals Begin seeking 2nd apprentice Celebrate results	Cast vision Pray for birth Create sub-groups Communicate with apprentice	Celebrate Give Gifts Communion Bring closure
Content of Communication	Events Topics Facts	Topics People Group God's nature	Personal thoughts Feelings Values God's plan	Group relationships Tasks God's work	People Leadership Vision God's desires	Relationships People God's blessings
Style of Communication	Responsive General Brief	Descriptive Social Explanatory	Assertive Argumentative Directive One-way	Speculative Cooperative Interactive Two-way Confrontive	Interactive Confrontive Expressive	Reflective Understanding Affirming

## LIFEGROUP DASHBOARD

**LifeGroups are about following Jesus together.** There are plenty of reasons we could gather in groups—good reasons, in fact! But the most important reason is to help one another grow as disciples. A disciple is someone who follows Jesus, is being changed by Jesus, and engages the mission of Jesus. Jesus showed us that without relationships, discipleship isn't possible. That's why we believe that groups are so important—they are the intentional, relational environments that help people be and make disciples. Are groups hard? Inconvenient? Messy? All of the above! But are they worth it? Absolutely.

There are four steps to the growth of a disciple: **Connect, Grow, Serve, Engage.** Each of these things happens best in a group! This "Dashboard" will help you as a leader assess how present these four things are in your group. This is not a scoreboard, and no group is perfect! However, by thinking through these areas, you'll be able to identify some things your group can grow in to have a stronger discipleship mindset. Every group needs an intentional leader to foster these things. Sound bit scary? It is, but you're not alone (see Matthew 28:20). In fact, our pastors and coaches are also here to help you develop these things in your group.

	Not Present	Somewhat Present	Present
<b>CONNECT // CONNECT IN RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS AND EACH OTHER</b>			
Matthew 4:18-22, John 15:1-4, Colossians 3:12-17, Hebrews 10:19-25, Acts 2:41-47			
1. People are building relationships with each other inside and outside of our group time.			
2. People notice when someone is missing from our meeting, and they reach out to that person.			
3. People participate in discussions with transparency and honesty.			
4. We love to invite others to our group, and we create a safe environment that welcomes any person.			
<b>GROW // GROW AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS</b>			
Mark 1:35, Matthew 21:1-11, Colossians 1:28, Romans 8:29, Romans 12:1-2, 1 Peter 2:11-12, 2 Peter 3:18			
1. We have great discussions that move from information to transformation—how the things we've learned cause us to live differently.			
2. People are growing into new stages of spiritual maturity. (Spirituality: Dead, Born Again, Infant, Child, Young Adult, Parent)			
3. People are following Jesus across every sphere of their lives (family, work, finances, etc.)			
4. We encourage each other to develop personal habits of reading scripture, prayer and other disciplines.			
<b>SERVE // SERVE WITH THE HEART OF JESUS</b>			
Mark 10:45, John 13:12-17, Romans 12:9-13, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31, Galatians 6:2, Ephesians 4:3, Colossians 1:12-14			
1. People are discovering their spiritual gifts and using those gifts to serve in the church.			
2. We practice the "love one another" of the New Testament, especially serving and caring for each other in times of need.			
3. If a conflict or misunderstanding occurs in the group, people respond by seeking understanding and forgiveness.			
4. Our group finds opportunities to serve out in the community.			
<b>ENGAGE // THE MISSION OF JESUS</b>			
John 17:35-38, Matthew 28:18-20, Matthew 5:13-16			
1. We spend time praying for non-believers and then we invite them to our church.			
2. People understand Jesus's mission of discipleship and they're finding ways to disciple others.			
3. Our group has an intentional leader that keeps our purpose of discipleship clear.			
4. We multiply by raising up new leaders and starting new groups.			

### COACHING QUESTIONS

1. How does reflecting on these 4 values cause you to think differently about the purpose of your group?
2. Which of the four things is most present in your group? Why do you think that is?
3. Which of the four things is the greatest challenge for your group? Why do you think that is?
4. How evident are these four things in your own life as a disciple? Is there an area God may be inviting you to grow in?
5. How can your coach help you cultivate these four things in your group and yourself in greater ways this year?









As we prepare for our Fall 2018 season of LifeGroups, please let us know the following so that we can help you promote your groups in the best way possible.

Group Leaders: \_\_\_\_\_

Group Type (Multi-generational, Young Adults, Young Marrieds, Married with Young Children, Parents of Teenagers, Empty Nesters, Married or Single, Men's, Women's, etc.):

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Meeting Time and Location (Note: We are not going to start any new groups on Wednesday nights so as to not compete with the need for volunteers for children's and youth ministry programs):

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Group Description (This should be a description of what you will be studying and any other elements of your group – i.e. some groups share a meal together, serve together, focus on prayer, focus on the sermon, use a Right Now Media study, focus on marriage, focus on men's issues, women's issues, etc.):

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Existing Groups: Please list the roster of those who are planning to be a part of your group in the Fall of 2018.

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Existing Groups: Is your group open to taking on new members? Would you like us to advertise your group on our website (You have the ability to close your group whenever you wish)? \_\_\_\_\_

New Groups: Are there some people that you have recruited/plan to recruit to be a part of your launch? If so, list them here.

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All Groups: How can we best support you as group leaders?

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# rightnow MEDIA

Rightnow Media is a phenomenal tool for discipleship. It can, however feel overwhelming when trying to sort through all of the options. Here are some great studies that have been used by various LifeGroups throughout Wooddale.

## **For New or Forming Life Groups:**

**Starting Point:** <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/237094>

Wooddale offers Starting Point across all of our campuses as a way to introduce, or reintroduce people to faith. Taught by Andy Stanley, this study is a great launching point for any LifeGroup. (8 Sessions)

## **5 New Studies for Fall of 2018 That Pastor Brian Recommends**

**The Book of Judges:** <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/257959>

The book of Judges cracks a window into depths of the human soul. Watch a nation struggle with its identity and relationship to its God. Heroes and heroines arise, who seem to have the potential to save Israel. But in the end, each proves to be a broken savior that cannot deliver.

In this series, pastor and author J.D. Greear wades into the book of Judges to shine a light onto the muddy waters of human rebellion. The stories and truths within are not just archaic tales with no relevance for us today. Rather, J.D. works through each chapter unpacking the truth of God's grace in the midst of human wickedness, and shows how only the divine can redeem the fallen. (11 Sessions)

**The Gospel of John – Part One:** <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/289490>

Where do you turn when the world around you grows dark? In this study of the Gospel of John, Dr. Tony Evans encourages us to turn to Christ by reminding us of the two purposes for the beloved disciple's book—that we would believe in Jesus and find life in His name. Despite what our culture may argue, there is only one hope that is truly trustworthy and that is our Savior, Jesus Christ. So join Tony for this 12-session series that will draw you back to the essential truths of our faith and the life found in our King. (12 Sessions)



**The Book of Colossians:** <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/287526>

What we think about Jesus matters. Our perception of Him shapes us—what we say, how we treat others, even what we think. If we paint Jesus as any less than who He is as supreme over all creation and savior of the world, not only does our theology slip, but the working out of our faith also suffers.

In this 8-session series, Louie Giglio will take us through the book of Colossians to help us form a complete picture of Jesus. What we believe about Him influences everything from our corporate worship to our relationships to our attitude toward sin. Now alive in Christ, we can live a life worthy of God instead of falling back into the ways of the world. (8 Sessions)

**The Book of Ruth:** <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/229865>

God can seem distant when dreams fade, people die, or careers fail. It may feel like He slammed the door in your face and walked out for good. No one knows the feeling of abandonment more than Ruth and Naomi. Their story begins with the worst—death, famine, and poverty. And God remains silent.

But the book of Ruth doesn't end with despair. The story brims with hope because God works on behalf of the two widows in ways they least expect. In this 7-part series, Bianca Juárez Olthoff, speaker and author of *Play with Fire*, teaches through Ruth to show how God moves behind the scenes in our lives. On the surface, this book tells the story of two widows and a kind landowner. Even more, it teaches us about God's faithfulness, love, and providence.

Walk the journey of Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz and discover the devoted love of God and His transformative power in our lives. (7 Sessions)

**A Contrarian's Guide to Knowing God:** <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/257965>

Sometimes what we believe about the Christian life comes from a single but prominent point of view—an older Christian we look up to, a preacher, or a parent. But is there only one way of living the life of a Jesus follower?

The Christian life—even one centered on grace—can still feel like a long list of dos and don'ts. But what if there's more (and less) to our faith than we typically believe? In this series based on his book *A Contrarian's Guide to Knowing God*, pastor Larry Osborne tackles popular assumptions about Christian living that create stress and failure rather than growth and joy. (5 Sessions)

**5 Great Studies for Women:**

**Living Life Together:** <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/138575>

Do you stay busy to avoid deep connections? Do you resist community for fear of being judged? Do you need to reconcile a relationship?

There are messy parts in all of our lives that we would rather not reveal—like strained relationships, sinking finances, and cluttered living rooms. We keep the doors of our hearts and homes closed for fear of being exposed. But what if we invited others in and experienced the beautiful acceptance and deep connection of Christian community?



Author and speaker Shauna Niequist is passionate about living life in community. In four intimate sessions, she walks through Scripture, challenging women to step out of isolation and fear and pursue relationships rooted in rest, grace, and reconciliation. As you learn the benefits of living an authentic life with others in Christ and watch real-life stories of women who have experienced freedom in meaningful community, you will discover why God designed and delights in relationships. (4 Sessions)

**Fear and Faith:** <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/191050>

Failure, rejection, sickness, losing a loved one, being alone—the fears we carry are many and heavy. Fear can be a tyrant, a bully we can't hide from. It can paralyze our spirit, damage our relationships, and hinder our faith.

When we're struck with fear, where do we turn? Can God really be trusted?

In five heartfelt sessions based on her book, *Fear and Faith: Finding the Peace Your Heart Craves*, speaker and author Trillia Newbell invites women to explore their fears and how those fears impact their relationships, self-esteem, peace of mind, and walk with God. Each session features real-life stories of women who are wrestling with fear due to tragic events, difficult circumstances, or deep anxiety about what may or may not happen. Trillia will walk through Scriptures that show God's love and strength when we are afraid and His faithfulness in times of trouble.

Whatever your fear, you will realize you are not alone, nor are you without hope. You have the One who can calm your fears, grow your faith, and give the peace your heart craves. (5 Sessions)

**The Organic God:** <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/126>

What if we could simplify our lives, starting with our faith?

In our ever-changing world, simplicity is a craving. Imagine what it would look like to have an organic relationship with God, one that is stripped of all pollutants, additives and other distractions that can cloud this ultimate relationship. The Organic God removes the unhealthy fillers and purifies our relationship with the God of the Scriptures.

In this Bible study, through personal stories and scriptural insights, Margaret Feinberg shares glimpses of God's character - talkative, beautiful, mysterious - that points us to an authentic and naturally spiritual relationship with Him allowing you to discover God in a healthy, refreshing, new way. (6 Sessions)

**Teach Us To Want:** <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/158005>

We all *want* things: certain relationships, just the right job, affirmation from others, a life full of passion and purpose. Contemporary culture says to go after desire, pursue your "I want" list ruthlessly. Christianity seems to send a different message: Wanting is sinful and selfish. Faith is about obedience and sacrifice.

***How do we reconcile the longings in our hearts with the God we're called to follow?***

In five sessions, based on her 2015 *Christianity Today* Book of the Year *Teach Us to Want: Longing*,



*Ambition and the Life of Faith*, author and Bible teacher Jen Pollock Michel takes women on a brave journey through their many desires, longings, and ambitions. Featuring real-life stories of women wrestling with their desires—Jen offers insight from her own life, dives deep into Scripture and asks what it means to desire as a Christian:

- Is it true that the hardest, least desirable choice is the most obviously holy?
- Is it true that personal desire must never be trusted?

Jen will show biblically how it's not only *OK* to name and voice our desires—it's actually *holy* to. When we freely let God know our desires and allow them to be informed by Scripture and re-formed by our spiritual practices, we'll discover a God more loving and generous than we can ever imagine. (5 Sessions)

**Crossing The Waters:** <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/257966>

Get ready for the wettest, stormiest, wildest trip through the Gospels you've ever taken! The Gospels are dramatic and incredibly wet, set in a rich maritime culture on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Yet we've missed much of this perspective—until now.

In this 6-part series, Leslie Leyland Fields, author, speaker, and seasoned Alaskan fisherwoman, takes us on a journey through the life of Christ. She leads us across the waters of time and culture out onto the Sea of Galilee, through a rugged season of commercial fishing with her family in Alaska, and through the waters of the New Testament beside the ragtag fishermen disciples. Her own story and her fresh insights will challenge our understanding of Jesus and what it means to "Come, follow me." (6 Sessions)

## 5 Great Studies for Men:

**Play the Man:** <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/229917>

In the church today, many men find themselves confused about what it actually means to be a man. Our culture does little to help. The result is a generation of men who struggle to embrace their responsibilities, roles, and the purpose for which God created them.

In this series, Mark Batterson, highlights seven virtues of manhood to offer clear insight into what it means to be a faithful man of God. Keying in on the story of the martyr Polycarp, Mark teaches through engaging stories to inspire men towards biblical discipleship that can transform the generations to come. Each lesson provides practical truths for immediate application so that men everywhere can be the brothers, husbands, fathers, and leaders God created them to be. (4 Sessions)

**Uprising: A Revolution of the Soul:** <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/113>

What is the one thing that's impossible to change about yourself?

You can change your appearance, your habits, your friends, your job...but you can't change your character. Not on your own.

You were in God's imagination before you were ever born. All the talent, gifting, and creativity you



possess was placed in you by God Himself. Can you imagine the things you could do, the impact you could have on the world, if you tapped into the dreams God has for your life?

In each of the six Uprising video Bible study sessions, Erwin McManus provides Biblical and practical teaching that will challenge you to allow God to transform your character to be more like His. He illuminates the desperate heart cry of every human being – “I want to live” – and then serves as a guide on a quest to answer that cry. (6 Sessions)

**33 The Series:** <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/211>

*33 The Series* is a six volume study that takes place in six session each.

It all begins with *33 The Series: A Man and His Design*. This is a 6 session Bible study that builds upon many of the timeless truths taught by Robert Lewis in the original Men's Fraternity curriculum but also includes new material on authentic manhood. The series is designed to inspire and equip men to pursue authentic manhood as modeled by Jesus Christ in His 33 years on earth. Volume I contains six sessions that explore the basic foundations of authentic manhood and God's clear design for men.

This first volume of *33* starts with meaningful insights into the current state of manhood, which will help men navigate through some realities that have created cultural confusion. It follows by unfolding God's mandates for all men and offering a clear definition of authentic manhood that will help men on their journey. Each participant will learn the four "faces" of manhood and how to anticipate and transition through the specific seasons of life. (6 sessions per volume)

**All the Places to Go . . . How Will You Know?:** <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/1297>

Very rarely in the Bible does God command someone to “stay.” He opens a door, and then he invites us to walk through it—into the unknown. And how we choose to respond will ultimately determine the lives we will lead and the people we will become.

In this six-session video curriculum, bestselling author John Ortberg opens our eyes to the countless open doors God places before us every day, teaches us how to recognize them, and gives us the encouragement to step out in faith and embrace all of the extraordinary opportunities that await.

So go ahead—walk through that door. You just might do something that lasts for eternity. (6 Sessions)

**Meaningful Manhood:** <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/909>

A compilation of some of Dr. Evans' most-requested sermons on manhood from over the last few decades. (12 Sessions)

**5 Great Studies on Evangelism:**

**H2O:** <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/1280>

H2O is a seven-week experience designed to create a safe atmosphere where people are comfortable considering the person of Jesus Christ. This creative newly re-released tool meets an ancient need:



sharing the truth of Jesus Christ through relationships and community. H<sub>2</sub>O transforms lives by feeding the mind, moving the heart, and stimulating the senses. (7 Sessions)

**Go Fish:** <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/156586>

Fishing stories. We've all heard them. "It was this big." "You should have seen the one that got away." People love to tell stories of their fishing adventures. When it comes to faith, however, most people clam up. Why is it we can't talk about what God has done in our lives as naturally as we can spin fishing tales?

In this six-part study, Andy Stanley explores the motivation behind sharing your faith and how it can become a natural part of your life. (6 Sessions)

**Why Jesus?:** <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/102>

What tough questions do you have about Jesus?

Culture is blurring the lines between different faiths. It is increasingly difficult for people to grasp how their faith in Jesus Christ is unique.

In these four powerful video Bible study sessions, David Nasser addresses the tough questions that people have about Jesus and points them back to the scriptural truths about our Savior.

Filmed on location all throughout Israel and includes teaching from Jerusalem, Bethlehem, the Sea of Galilee, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Mount of Olives and the Mount of the Beatitudes.

**Global Gospel:** <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/167468>

Christ's command to make disciples of all nations requires us to look beyond our own priorities and our own comforts. Caring for the poor and engaging the lost are costly, but this is what the gospel compels us to do. In this series David Platt exhorts the church and individual Christians to consider God's global purposes and to make our lives count for God's glory. We are challenged to set aside the American Dream and instead to consider taking part in a Radical Experiment.

**The God Who Is There:** <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/137016>

On February 20–21 and 27–28, 2009, Don Carson presented a 14-part seminar entitled *The God Who Is There* at Bethlehem Baptist Church's North Campus in Minneapolis. This series will serve the church well because it simultaneously evangelizes non-Christians and edifies Christians by explaining the Bible's storyline in a non-reductionistic way. The series is geared toward "seekers" and articulates Christianity in a way that causes hearers either to reject or embrace the gospel. It's one thing to know the Bible's storyline, but it's another to know one's role in God's ongoing story of redemption. *The God Who Is There* engages people at the worldview-level.



## 5 Great Studies on Books of the Bible:

**Philippians: To Live is Christ, To Die is Gain:** <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/133>

Matt Chandler walks us through this most intimate of all Paul's letters and paints a beautiful picture of what it is to be a mature Christian. (12 sessions)

**The Book of Ephesians:** <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/195647>

J.D. Greear teaches through the Book of Ephesians. Ephesians is a survival manual—it equips believers to thrive in a world that hates the message of Jesus Christ. Paul the Apostle writes to encourage believers to live well—we've been lifted from the graveyard of sin and called to shout the gospel into the darkened world. (9 sessions)

**The Book of James:** <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/159923>

Francis Chan teaches through James verse-by-verse. The book of James speaks to the realities of a living faith in Jesus—the kind of roll-up-your-sleeves and get-your-hands-dirty discipleship that is borne out of an authentic relationship with the risen Lord. James writes to believers who know suffering, who've faced trials, and who ultimately desire a deep relationship with God. (12 sessions)

**The Books of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> John:** <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/229858>

Comfortable Christianity often means a weak Christianity. In this study on John's three letters, Dr. Tony Evans challenges Christians who have grown comfortable and complacent in their faith. Fellowship with God is the essence of our faith, and Tony walks through 1, 2 & 3 John to paint a picture of love, obedience, and truth. In a world that hates Jesus, we are called to love Him and His people with a fierce love. (8 sessions)

**The Book of Titus:** <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/229915>

In this Book of the Bible series, Chip Ingram unpacks the book of Titus. He challenges us to display the gospel in our lives through doing good. We do good works not to earn God's favor, but as a result of God's favor. When the gospel has truly taken root in our lives, it produces the fruit of godliness. As we pass these things on to future generations, the Church stands in bright contrast to the darkness of the world. (7 sessions)

## 5 Great Studies on Marriage:

**A Lifelong Love:** <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/198823>

Gary Thomas believes couples often settle for too little when it comes to marriage. We fail to understand how deeply God cares about our spouse. We diminish our need to not only understand what





biblical love really is, but also to become a people who excel at it. We let ourselves drift apart instead of making the daily choices to grow closer together. (8 sessions)

**You And Me Forever:** <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/1213>

Marriage is great, but it's not Forever. This seven session Bible study series, based on the book *You and Me Forever* from best-selling author Francis Chan and Lisa Chan, will challenge you to view your marriage like never before. These seven inspiring videos will help you dive deeper into the content of the book as you explore themes like:

- It's until death do us part. Then comes eternal rewards or regrets depending on how we spent our lives.
- While we cannot allow lesser things to destroy our marriages, we also cannot allow marriage to distract us from greater things.
- A jealous God asks us to pursue Him first and most. Then life makes sense, and everything falls into its proper place.
- Love, laughter, and intimacy were all created to be enjoyed. So there is a way to love family deeply without ignoring heaven.
- It all comes down to our focus.
- Jesus was right. We have it all backwards. The way to have a great marriage is by not focusing on marriage.

**Staying in Love:** <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/234>

With more than a thousand matchmaking services available today and new ones springing up all the time, finding a romantic match can be easier than ever. But staying together with the one you've found seems to be the real challenge. So, is it possible for two people to fall in love and actually stay there? Absolutely! Let Andy Stanley show you how in this four-session, video-based study. Each session includes 15-20 minutes of teaching from pastor and author Andy Stanley. (4 sessions)

**Grace Filled Marriage:** <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/140661>

Couples come to the altar bursting with love for each other. Yet, based on how many marriages are unfulfilling, unhappy, or worse yet, end in divorce, it would seem that the love that gets couples married isn't enough to keep couples married. Maybe if we had the ability to love unconditionally, like God does, love would be enough...but we don't. Therefore, love falls short. Love isn't enough to save struggling marriages.

This study, taught by Dr. Tim and Darcy Kimmel, explores a radical hypothesis: Most marriages don't fail because they lack love...they fail because they lack grace. (8 sessions)



**Extraordinary Marriage:** <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/236532>

God designed marriage to be an intensely intimate relationship between a husband and wife. Sadly, too many of us instead feel our marriages are more like battlegrounds or—equally bad—barren deserts.

Often, we're missing out on a cherished marriage because we're focused on the wrong things—selfish and destructive things like fighting for control, keeping score, and hiding our true selves. How do we achieve the beautiful oneness that God intended for our marriages?

In this 4-part series, Pete Briscoe teaches that there is a way to move our marriages beyond ordinary to extraordinary. But it requires transparency to our spouse and the willingness to look beyond ourselves to the only source of true Life. (4 sessions)

## 5 Great Various Studies

**The Treasure Principle:** <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/198062>

Jesus told a story about a hidden treasure that, once discovered, brought life-changing joy. In this new video series based on the best-selling book, *The Treasure Principle*, Randy Alcorn unearths a simple yet profound principle that will radically change your concept of stewardship. Short on guilt, Alcorn illuminates the liberating joy of giving and its impact, not only for today but for eternity as well. (4 sessions)

**Thriving in Babylon:** <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/163627>

These are confusing times for many Christians. Traditional biblical values are not only rejected; it seems as if they're attacked on every front. It's all happened at warp speed, leaving many of us spiritually and culturally disoriented or even fearful, frustrated, and angry. How can we spiritually survive in an increasingly spiritually hostile environment? And is there any hope for the next generation?

In this 5-session series, Larry Osborne introduces us to a man forced to live in a fast-changing and godless society. This man faced fears about the future, concern for his safety, and the discouragement of a world that seemed to be falling apart at warp speed. That man was Daniel, and with the power of hope, humility, and wisdom, he not only survived, but thrived.

Each session also includes real-life stories of people struggling to thrive in an ever-increasing godless society. Though Daniel lived thousands of years ago, he has much to teach us today. (5 sessions)

**Patterns of Evidence: The Exodus:** <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/198646>

A debate rages over the credibility of the Bible. Most archaeologists today have concluded that there's no evidence that the Exodus of Israelite slaves from Egypt ever happened. Filmmaker, and Wooddale's own, Timothy Mahoney faces a crisis of faith, "Is this foundational event of the Bible really just a myth?"



He embarks on a 12-year journey around the world to search for answers. (This is a 2 hour feature film that would make for a great discussion. A study guide is available.)

**Time of Your Life:** <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/149>

What time is it? Where did all the time go? Does time really fly when you're having fun? Maybe we think about time so much because there never seems to be enough of it. Maybe there's only one question we need to ask. What am I doing with my time? Simple question? Easy answer? It's time you found out. In this 5-part series, Time of Your Life, Andy Stanley will help you discover that answer. Don't waste another second. (5 sessions)

**Not a Fan:** <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/1277>

Twenty times in the New Testament, Jesus Christ issued a compelling and challenging invitation: "Follow Me." Jesus is not interested in mere fans. He doesn't want enthusiastic admirers. He wants completely committed followers. Build around the engaging approach of Kyle Idleman, Teaching Pastor at Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, KY, this one of kind small group study, sermon series, movie, and book examines what it means to deny one's self and truly follow Jesus. (6 sessions)

\*\*\*\* None of these will work for you group? Would you still like a little guidance? Feel free to reach out to Pastor Brian anytime for help in finding a study for your group.



—[ Leader Online Account Guide ]—



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## Thank you for your service as a LifeGroup Leader!

Part of being a LifeGroup leader means managing your group information through our website. Please use these step-by-step instructions for the following topics:

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## ESTABLISH AN INFELLOWSHIP ACCOUNT

1. Go to the **Wooddale Website** ([www.wooddale.org](http://www.wooddale.org))
2. Go to **My Account** (find this at the bottom of the home page):



3. Click on **My Groups**
  - o A login page will appear



4. Click on **Sign Up**
  - o Enter your First name
  - o Enter your Last name
  - o Enter your email address
  - o Make up and enter a password
  - o Confirm the password
  - o Click on Create the account

The following message will appear:

## Activate your account...

We've sent a verification email to **your.email@....** This email contains a link that you'll need to click to activate your account. If you don't immediately receive your email, wait a few minutes or check your junk email folder.

If you didn't receive your verification email, you can [re-send verification](#).

[Return to login](#)

5. Go to your email account and open the email that is titled Welcome to Wooddale Church
6. Click on the link in the body of the message
7. Enter all the required fields

## LOGIN TO GROUP

1. Go to the **Wooddale Website**
2. Go to **My Account**
  - A login page will appear



3. Enter **Login** (the email used to establish the Infellowship account)
4. Enter **Password**
5. Optionally select **Remember Me**
6. Click on **Sign In**
  - A navigation page will appear



7. Click on **Your Groups**
  - A groups page will appear



8. Click on the title of the group to continue to your **PROFILE**





Along the top of your profile, you will see four tabs: **Dashboard**, **Roster**, **Attendance**, and **Prospects**. The following pages describe how to use those tabs.

## **DASHBOARD**

To add to or edit the details, schedule or location of the group, Click on **View Settings** (right of screen):

### **Details**

Click on the **Edit Details** link to make changes to the group name and group description.

- Add any group descriptors you would like
- Be sure to select **Searchable** and click **Save Changes** before moving on

### **Schedule**

#### **Adding Schedule**

- Click on **Edit Schedule**
- Using the calendar and clock widgets, select the **Date and Time** the group meets
- Select if meeting **Repeats** (one time, weekly, monthly)
- Select **Day, Week, Month and Interval** selections that match group schedule
- Select when the schedule **Stops Repeating**
- Click Yes, Notify all members if the schedule has changed
- Click Save Changes

#### **Deleting Schedule**

- Click on **Edit Schedule**
- Click on **Delete this Schedule**
- Click **Save Changes**

Be mindful that there is a delay in creating a schedule and that schedule appearing in Post attendance. Schedules refresh hourly.

### **Location**

- Click on **Edit Location**
- Make changes to the **Location Name, Description and Address**
- LifeGroups **Meet in Person**
- LifeGroups **Do Not make the location private**. Making the location private will prevent group members from seeing a map to the location.
- Click **Save Changes**



## **ROSTER**

While in the Roster tab, leader and member information is visible including photo, phone, email and social networks depending on the privacy settings the individual allowed for group leaders and group members

Clicking on an individual's name will pull up specific information about that person. As a JH leader; profile, history and attendance information for each member is available and editable. Editable fields include Address, Phone, Photo, etc... Do Not Change fields that you are unsure of. Any change made is real time and changes what all portal users and Infellowship users see.

### **Send an Email**

Leaders and Members of JH Life Groups have permission to email the entire group or select individuals within the group

- Click on **Send an Email**
- Select **Email Recipients**
- Enter **Subject**
- Enter **Text** of email
- Optionally **Attach a File** (512 K maximum)
- Click **Send Email Now**

### **Download Roster**

Leaders only have the ability to download and print a roster in CSV or PDF format. ***It is imperative that this roster is not distributed to anyone nor should a leader give personal information about a group member to anyone. Group members can obtain necessary information by logging in to their group portal.*** Wooddale Church has not gathered written permission from each member to distribute personal information therefore will not do so.

- Click **Download CSV** or **Download PDF**
- **Open** the Document
- **View or Print** (for Leader use only) Roster



## **ATTENDANCE**

Each time a Life Group meets, attendance must be posted by a leader. This allows you to have a record of when people have attended and it enables the LifeGroup Ministry team to see some simple metrics that help them know how your group is doing—without pestering you with emails and taking up your valuable time.

The meeting you take attendance for may be a Scheduled meeting time or it may be a spontaneous meeting that needs to be added.

In the Attendance Tab

### **Scheduled Meeting**

- Click on **Enter Attendance**
- Select **Scheduled Meeting Date** from the Post Attendance for group meeting on dropdown
  - The group leaders and members roster will appear
- Select the **Checkbox** to the left of each individual that attended
- Click **Save Attendance**

### **Spontaneous Meeting**

- Click on **Enter Attendance**
- Select **Add your new event** from the Post Attendance for group meeting on dropdown
- Using the calendar and clock widgets enter the date and time of the spontaneous event
  - The group leaders and members roster will appear
- Select the **Checkbox** to the left of each individual that attended
- Click **Save Attendance**



## **PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS**

Our system allows for people to join a LifeGroup by applying for one online. When someone applies to be in a LifeGroup, that individual shows up as a "Prospect" in the group's online profile.

Please be sure to follow up with prospects as quickly as possible.

### **Handling Prospects**

- If your group has a prospect, **a number will appear** to the right of the word "Prospects" in the tab
- Click on the **Prospects** tab and you will see a list of all your prospects
- Click on **the name of a prospect** that you wish to communicate with
  - A prospect page will appear
- Select and use the **type of communication** underneath your prospect
- After sufficient communication and you have determined your prospect should join, click **Allow** in the upper right corner of the prospect page

Before leaving your computer, make sure to **sign out** of the InFellowship Portal