

# 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.

<b>CONNECT // CONNECT IN RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS AND EACH OTHER</b>	Not Present	Somewhat Present	Present
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, Philippians 2:1-11, Colossians 1:28, Romans 8:29, Romans 12:1-2, 1 Peter 2:1-12, 2 Peter 3:18			
1. We have great discussions the 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. ( <i>Spiritually Dead, Born Again, Infant, Child, Young Adult, Parent</i> )			
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 12:3-8, 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 “one anothers” 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 17:15-18, 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?

