

GETTING STARTED

Essentials for creating an intentional and effective Life Group

BE PRESENT

Connecting their _____ to a Community

This passage in Thessalonians reveals the early glimpse of community in Paul's own words: "...So we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the Gospel of God but our lives as well." (1 Thessalonians 2:8)

There it is: **Your Job as a Life Group COACH:**

⊕ **YOU** _____

⊕ **YOU LOVE** _____

⊕ **YOU** _____

→ **Pray.** God will highlight someone, or even divinely set up moments for you to meet the right people.

→ **Set a** _____ **Time.**

→ **Personally Invite.** Nothing is better than a personal, face-to-face invitation.

When you lead small you choose to **be present.**

When you choose to be present you connect **authentic faith.**

These are your 3 basic fundamental tasks as a Life Group COACH.

SHOW UP _____

⊕ You cannot lead a Life Group without _____!

→ **Send Out** _____. Let people know where you're meeting, and that you're excited for them to come!

→ **Follow Up With Invites.** Let people know that you were sincere about inviting them.

→ **Pray for needs.** This makes your life group personal, gives opportunities for your group to rally around an individual or family

EVERYBODY NEEDS SOMEONE WHO KNOWS THEIR _____,
AND WHAT'S _____ IN THEIR LIFE.

When you choose to be present that means you show up predictably and...

SHOW UP _____

⊕ We're talking about showing up energetic, fully attentive, and eager to listen.

WHEN YOU SHOW UP ON A REGULAR BASIS – PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY YOU ARE WELL ON YOUR WAY TO _____ YOUR FAMILIES TO A COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS THAT WILL EMOTIONALLY ENCOURAGE AUTHENTIC FAITH.

→ **Provide a _____ and _____ Environment.**

→ **Set aside time to eat or hang out.** Simply *laugh* and have fun before diving into the Life Group discussion.

→ **Allow Everyone the chance to Participate.**

Next Step

Start a practice of writing down prayer requests. This will help you continue to pray throughout the week and also give you a way to follow up.

Now after you've showed up predictably and mentally, here's the last way you choose to be present...

SHOW UP

⊕ This one could potentially be the most impactful way to be present in the lives of your few!

THESE SMALL CONNECTIONS MAY SEEM _____. BUT WHEN YOU CHOOSE TO BE PRESENT IN AN UNEXPECTED WAY, YOU _____ CONNECTION TO THE COMMUNITY YOU ARE CREATING.

Next Step

Discuss with your group the best method of communication so you can meet them where they're at.

- The LEAD app from Church Community Builder is a great tool that has email and text messaging capabilities.
- Regularly schedule time to check in with your few for the sole purpose of connection, no agenda.
- ALSO, stay _____ to the needs of those in your group, there may be an opportunity to show up at a time they wouldn't expect.

What are some of the most thoughtful ways others have shown up for you?