



### **LIFE GROUP FAQ's**

**Why would I want to join a “Life Group”?** Meet some new people and establish new friendships among fellow believers. Have fun and fellowship with one another. Expand Your spiritual knowledge and grow to be more like Christ thru compassion and service.

**What can be the focus of Life Groups?** Developing authentic Christian relationships based on studying God's word in a study based group. Explore an activity based group that used devotionals to connect with God's word.

**Can a Life Group be formed around an activity?** Life Groups can focus on just about any activity, as long as the activity is Christ-centered. Examples might include hiking or playing cards with some time reserved for devotions.

**How many people are needed to form a Life Group?**

Typically 3 or more people are needed to start a Life Group.

**Does one need to be a member of Resurrection Lutheran Church to join a Life Group?**

No. All are welcome to join a Life Group.

**I'm away from the area during various times of the year. Can I still be a member of a Life Group?**

Yes. Group leaders are well aware that members can't always attend each and every gathering.

**How are the study topics determined for the Life Group?**

There are many ways for a Life Group to choose a topic of discussion. A Life Group leader can suggest a topic, the group as a whole, or an individual within the group can suggest a topic or a book. We also have a LG library located in Luthers Lair on OV campus.

**Do topics of discussion for study need to be approved by the Church?**

We will leave it up to the Facilitator to check with a Pastor if they are not sure if the material is in keeping with our Christian doctrines. If you use the Life Group Library the material in there is all approved.

**Are there resources available to use to facilitate a topic of discussion?**

Yes. The Life Group Team has set up a Resource Library in Luthers Lair on the OV Campus. Please follow the printed guidelines on book shelves for checking out materials. Questions should be directed to [janrobertson11@gmail.com](mailto:janrobertson11@gmail.com).

**What is the difference between a “Small Group” and a “Life Group”**

In a word, nothing. The change to Life Group is simply a new name to help the group to focus on a broader scope of living in a Christ like manner - helping smaller communities within the larger Community commit to ongoing study and fellowship with one another.

**Do Life Groups meet only during the daytime?**

No. The members of a Life Group determine when the group will meet. There is no rule as to when a group can meet.

**Can an individual join a Life Group at anytime?**

Yes. There is no need for an individual to be a part of a study from the beginning of the study. Remember, a big part of the benefits of joining a Life Group is getting to know others and support them in their walk with Jesus.

**Does one need to have special training to be a Life Group leader and lead studies?**

No. Not only no, but absolutely not. Some topics of study may require a DVD player. The DVD will set the stage for the discussion and the members will then be willing to discuss what they viewed. Having the ability to insert a DVD into the player and hitting “play” and possibly making a pot of coffee would be an added talent to have a spirited discussion.

**Is there training available or someone to help me get started if I need it?**

Currently we are holding facilitator fellowships quarterly and looking at doing facilitator workshops in the future. Please contact [connie.burda@gmail.com](mailto:connie.burda@gmail.com) for further information.