



HARRIS CREEK LIFE GROUP

CURRICULUM

WEEK 1 /// COMMITTED TO MEETING CONSISTENTLY

DISCUSS

One of the clearest signs of a healthy Life Group at Harris Creek is their ability to meet weekly on a consistent basis. As life gets busy and commitments change, these groups have decided that they will maintain their commitment to meeting as a group.

How consistently has your group met so far through the launch process? What are the types of things that have gotten in the way of that commitment?

WATCH

Watch the video [“Committed”](#) from the Harris Creek Community Team as a group and begin your time together.

DISCUSS

After watching the video, discuss the following questions:

- If you had to grade your group meeting time so far through the launch process, what grade would you give it (1-10), with 1 being the worst, and 10 being the best. Explain why you gave that number.
- What are the things that you think your group members should be willing to miss Life Group for? Discuss your answers with the group.

READ

Have someone read Hebrews 10:24-25 out loud.

UNDERSTAND

After reading the passage, discuss the following questions as a group:

- What do you think it means to “spur one another on towards love and good deeds”?
- How can your group create a habit of meeting together consistently?



APPLY

This week, take some time to evaluate your willingness to meet consistently as a member of your Life Group. Think about the most likely challenges you'll face honoring your commitment to meet with your Life Group, and think through ways you can address those. Each member of this group must "own" their commitment, and hold each other to theirs. Spend some time praying that God would firm up your commitments to meeting together as a group.

FOR NEXT WEEK

Read through the Harris Creek Peacemaker Guide and come prepared to discuss at your meeting next week.

WEEK 2 /// COMMITTED TO RESOLVING CONFLICT

DISCUSS

As you read through the Peacemaker Guide, what stood out to you? For every person in the group, are you generally a “peacemaker” or a “peacefaker”? How have you seen the effects of this broken strategy play out in your life in the past?

READ

Have someone read the following passages out loud:

- Matthew 18:15-35
- Ephesians 4:1-3

UNDERSTAND

As you read Matthew 18, specifically in verses 15 through 17, how would you apply this process for resolving conflict inside of your group?

What is the “heart” of the parable of the Unmerciful Servant in Matthew 18? What do we see about the idea of forgiveness?

How does the passage in Ephesians 4 overlap with the passage in Matthew 18?

How can a Life Group “fail” regarding Paul’s instruction in Ephesians 4:3? How can we get this wrong?

APPLY

Below are a few situations that can be common in Life Groups. This week, look through each of these issues and think through how a Life Group could navigate them faithfully. Come ready to discuss what you came up with next week during group time. As part of your preparation, think through any places in scripture that would apply.

- A member of your Life Group shows up to group every week but is very disengaged. They don't answer questions or participate in discussion. When the group begins to discuss what they've been reading in God's Word in their personal time with Jesus, they consistently say that they haven't gotten around to it.
- You are at work and a co-worker (not a HC member) approaches you and tells you about a situation involving another member of your Life Group. They saw them at a restaurant in town extremely intoxicated and using extremely inappropriate language.
- Someone in your Life Group begins to talk poorly about their spouse at lunch one day. They had recently gotten into a series of arguments, and they were getting "fed up." They make sure to tell you to "keep it between the two of you, as they wouldn't want to upset their spouse."

FOR NEXT WEEK

Read through the Harris Creek Communication Guide and come prepared to discuss next week.

WEEK 3 /// COMMITTED TO COMMUNICATING EFFECTIVELY

DISCUSS

As you read through the Harris Creek Communication Guide, specifically the section on Negative Communication Patterns, which pattern do you generally default to? How have you seen this effect your relationships and the way you deal with conflict?

READ

Have someone read the following passages out loud:

- Proverbs 15:1-2
- James 1:26
- Ephesians 4:25-27

UNDERSTAND

What do you take away from Proverbs 15:1-2?

How can our words and how we communicate be a reflection of our faith and what we believe about God?

Is it possible to be angry and not sin?

In the verses in Ephesians 4, we see the command to “not give the devil a foothold.” From the passage, how do we prevent this?

APPLY

Almost always, our communication habits and patterns are directly correlated to the way we saw it modeled for us growing up. Reflect on your family and the way you communicated growing up.

- What was modeled well for you?

- What was modeled poorly for you?

One of the clearest signs that a Life Group is headed in the wrong direction is when they stop communicating with one another consistently. Think through how your group can communicate effectively, how often you’ll communicate, and what ways you’ll stay connected. Consider things like a GroupMe to stay connected throughout the week.

WEEK 4 /// COMMITTED TO ONE ANOTHER

DISCUSS

As you continue to form as a new Life Group, it is critically important to clearly articulate the expectations that you have for one another. Right now, you all have spoken and unspoken expectations for the group, your commitment to one another, etc. Take 10-20 minutes and “green light think” regarding your group expectations. No idea is a bad idea in this conversation.

READ

Have someone read the following passages out loud:

- Romans 12:9-13
- Philippians 2:1-11
- Colossians 3:16

UNDERSTAND

After reading these passages, what commands do you see regarding how we should be committed to one another as believers?

What does it look like when people are devoted to one another in love? How can your group grow in your love for one another?

In Philippians 2, we see a call to have a similar mindset to Christ in the way we relate to one another. What example do we see from Christ? How can we live out this call?

What does the word admonish mean? Are you willing to let the other people in this group admonish you?

APPLY

Take 10 minutes of focused time to pray together as a Life Group. Pray that God would grow you together, specifically that your love for one another would grow. Give everyone an opportunity to pray, no matter how long or short.

Before you gather again next week, create a list of 3-5 ways that you hope your Life Group will live out your commitment to one another. Come ready next week to share what you came up with. One key is to make them as specific as possible so that you can effectively hold one another accountable to them. A few examples of the ways that groups model and live out commitment to one another:

- Prioritize the weekly meeting and only miss Life Group for the types of things you'd miss work for (i.e. illness, travel, etc.).
- Consistently pray for one another and follow up when someone shares something vulnerable or difficult.
- Find time to hang out outside of normal group time having fun, getting to know one another.
- Prepare for Life Group every week by reading the Bible and coming ready to discuss what you've learned.