

THE MAIN POINT

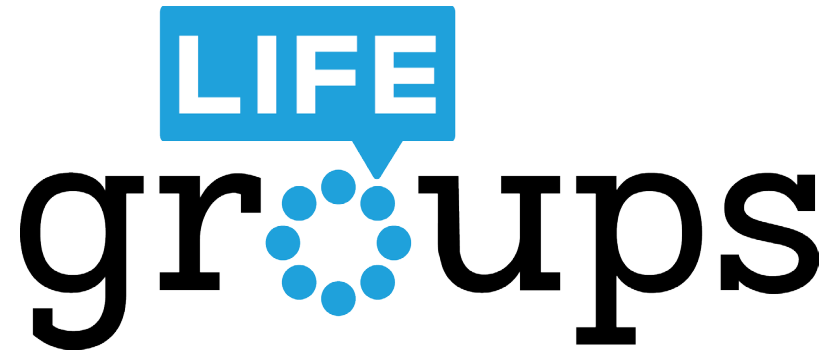
*When you become a Christian, you get help!
The Holy Spirit comes inside of you and helps
you change.*

Suggested Bible reading for this week:

READ :: Galatians 5

This chapter lists the fruits of the spirit. The things in our life that Jesus will work on should we remain in step with Him through the Holy Spirit. As you read this chapter, take note of what you need God to change in your life – maybe it's your relationships, your thoughts, your actions, your words. Then, prayerfully ask God to help you make intentional investments in your relationship with Him.

NOTES + PRAYER REQUESTS:



Part 3: Help Is On The Way

Begin by watching the "Info for the Group" portion of the DVD and then here are a few questions to get you going:

___ What was your high and low from the past week?

___ To get your conversation started this week, share with the group what your dream car was growing up.

PLEASE WATCH THE DVD'S "MAIN SESSION"

INTRODUCTION

Being a Christian is not just about some stuff to believe or some stuff to do – but also involves experiences of power, deep soul knowledge, transformation, and knowing the love of God as it washes over you. This week, we discuss the ways that we can grow closer to God through intentional investments and constant considerations.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Thinking back to times in your life where you made significant changes, what motivated you to make those changes?
2. Our motivation to intentionally invest in our relationship with God is not about doing something. Instead it is about becoming something – it is about becoming more like Jesus. What is your response to this statement?
3. Read **Colossians 3:1–4**. What does it mean for God to be your life rather than part of your life?

“Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.”
Ephesians 5:15–17

4. What are some ways that culture lures people towards neglecting the incremental deposits in the things that matter most in life?
5. Two of the most important personal spiritual disciplines are the intake of the Word of God and prayer. What other spiritual disciplines have you developed in your life in order to do “what the will of the Lord is?”

2 Timothy 3:16-17 says, “All scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”

6. As you think back on your life, what situations would have developed differently if you had focused more on intentional investment (reading God’s Word) or constant consideration (prayer)?
7. On Sunday, Dustin shared Jesus’ promise that, “if you remain in me, I can set you free.” What is something that you would like to change about yourself? What role does the Holy Spirit play in seeing that change become reality?
8. To be sanctified means to become more like Christ. What can you do this week to move towards this reality? How can the group help you?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

We get confused when we mistake God as a component of your life. What the Scriptures tells us is that God isn’t a *part* of your life...God *is* your life. As a result, the focus of your life is not the future. The focus of your life is a person, Jesus. So when our focus is there, Jesus leads us to the future He has for us.

BE SURE TO PRAY TOGETHER AS A GROUP...

__ What are some things going on in your life that need prayer?