

CHECK YOUR CIRCLE

PURSUE RELATIONALLY

To kick things off, have each person in your group answer the following question:

Mike attempted to paint this week, is there a fine art you wish you could do? (painting, sculpting, play an instrument, etc.) Do you have a secret skill or talent that no one in Lifegroup knows about?

LIVE AUTHENTICALLY

Welcome to Week 3 of At Home Faith. This series is all about equipping you, the church, with the necessary tools to follow Jesus with your 167. Christianity is not about going to church, it is about being the church. It's about growing in maturity as you pursue Jesus with your 167. The calling of Jesus is to follow him in every part and every hour of your life! This week, Josh continued our series by talking about the importance of Lifegroups. This week was a great reminder of how important it is to be in a Lifegroup, so before we look at what the Bible has to say about taking people home with you, take some time to check in with your community by answering these questions:

- What was the best part of your week? Why?
- What was the most challenging part of your week? Why?
- What is one thing in your life that you are excited about or looking forward to?

COUNSEL BIBLICALLY

Read [Genesis 1:26-31](#)

What do you know about Genesis 1? Where is this passage taking place in the story?

What stuck out to you about this passage?

The first chapter of Scripture tells a story of Creation. Take note: verse 26 says, "let us make mankind in our image." What is interesting is that although God is talking to Himself, He doesn't say, "let me make mankind in my image."

Most scholars believe this is a reference to the Trinity. God is one essence, but three persons (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit). This is difficult to grasp, but there is an easy takeaway that we don't want you to miss; God is communal! In other words, you are created in the image of a communal God, so you are designed to be communal (Pursue Relationally).

- When we are confused about what step to take next, we go to our Lifegroup for wisdom. (Counsel Biblically)
- When we go through a difficult season, we lean on our Lifegroup for comfort. (Live Authentically)
- When we are heading down an unhealthy path, we count on our Lifegroup to admonish us faithfully. (Admonish Faithfully)
- When we are ready to make changes in our life, we need our Lifegroup to keep us accountable. (P.L.A.C.E.D.)



The list could go on and on, but our faith was never meant to be lived out in isolation. We need each other! That's why meeting with your Lifegroup is so important, especially during times like these. As Josh reminded us, we all need mat carriers to carry us to Jesus at some point. Before we go any further, take some time to set some goals with your Group for the rest of the semester.

What are you hoping to accomplish this semester in Lifegroup?

What is the best way this Lifegroup can help you follow Jesus? (Pursue Relationally, Live Authentically, Counsel Biblically, Engage Missionally, Devote Daily)

Do you have any fears or insecurities about being in this Group?

DEVOTE DAILY

Read Hebrews 10:24-25

What verse stuck out to you the most in this passage? Why? What do you see in this passage that can be useful in your At Home Faith? In these two verses, let's focus on the three action steps, the writer of Hebrews gives us.

1. Motivate one another on toward good deeds (Hebrews 10:24)

One of the reasons Lifegroup is so important is because it is the way we can motivate one another to keep going. Like a good workout partner, we are created to motivate one another to following Jesus' commands (John 14:15).

2. Do not give up meeting together (Hebrews 10:25).

We don't just do Lifegroups because we think it is a good idea, we do Lifegroups because Scripture says it's a good idea. The writer of Hebrews is reminding us how important it is to come together and meet. Being in a Group is an essential part of 167.

3. Encourage one another (Hebrews 10:25).

We are called to "motivate" and "encourage." So, what's the difference? We motivate each other to keep each other moving forward, but then we encourage one another as we go. Every good coach knows there are times to motivate and times to encourage. The writer of Hebrews tells us to do both.

Which of these three action steps are you best at? Why do you think it comes so naturally to you?

Which of these three action steps do you struggle with the most? Why do you think that is? What is one practical thing you can do this week to get better?

Take some time to split your Lifegroup between men and women. Discuss with one another Mark 2:4. What might have you "on the mat" during this season of your life?

In your separate groups, check in with one another and allow yourself to be checked on. Take some time to Live Authentically with the other men or women in your group. Take some time to Counsel Biblically those who find themselves on the mat and even Admonish Faithfully where needed. Pursue Relationally this week. Be mat carriers that carry one another to the feet of Jesus this week.

Pray: Spend some time praying for the things you discussed above. Pray for the other group as well, that God would guide their discussion and give them the strength to be mat carriers for one another this week as well.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

