



What are Life Groups?

- Life Groups are ongoing community groups at Northview that meet at the homes of leaders or hosts.
 - They meet weekly or biweekly, occasionally taking time off for summer and winter holidays, as well as school breaks.
 - They meet for at least 90 minutes and rarely more than 120 minutes.
 - They meet at least 18 times per year for study, but often more with social outings.
- Life Groups are often organized by life stage, leader's home campus location, day, and time.
 - Married, multi-generational, men's, women's, singles, or a mixture are all options.
- Life Groups typically have between 10 and 14 members.
- Life Groups are led by servant leaders who are actively trained and supported by Northview.
- The Life Group curriculum intentionally aligns with the sermon because life groups - live out what our sermons call out.
 - Northview prepares life group discussion guides to support community alignment in unified discipleship efforts and to reinforce biblical teachings from our pastors.

Mission of Life Groups:

Life Groups exist to make Jesus known through biblically focused, transformational communities that help people **connect** relationally, **grow** spiritually, and **live** out their faith generously.

Purpose of Life Groups:

CONNECT - Relationally:

Life Groups will foster genuine relationships rooted in love and care for one another. Since we are created in God's image, we recognize that we are called to meaningful and life-giving connections. We will aim to participate in authentic, enjoyable, and fun experiences that develop a strong sense of community. (Acts 2:42-46, 1 John 1:6-8, Hebrews 10:25)

GROW - Spiritually:

Life Groups will focus on the spiritual growth of its members. Because God has called us to mature fully in our faith, we will pursue spiritual formation through biblically focused and Holy Spirit-led efforts in intentional discipleship. (Ephesians 4:12-13, Colossians 1:28, 2 Peter 3:18)

LIVE - Generously:

Life Groups will live out their faith generously with their time, talent, and treasures. We will be as open and inviting as possible, actively seeking new members to share our life-giving community whenever we can. We will have a strong desire to serve together in advancing God's kingdom work. Because Jesus is the way to know God, our group will be prepared to lead people to saving faith in Him. (2 Corinthians 5:20, Matthew 28:16-20, Luke 15)

Life Groups: Vision, Values, and Approach

Biblically Focused, Holy Spirit Led

Life Group members will seek and allow the Holy Spirit to transform their lives as they submit to the Word of God through study, reverence, and obedience. (Romans 12:2, John 16:13)

Prioritize Prayer

Life Group members will pray, intercede, and support each other by sharing burdens, concerns, praises, and blessings both during meetings and outside of them. (Philippians 4:6, James 5:16)

Leader-First Approach

Life Groups are led by servant leaders who are reliable, available, faithful, teachable, and trustworthy. Northview staff ensure they are trained to be skilled, prepared, equipped, and confident in leading, shepherding, and facilitating their groups. (Mark 10:43-45, 1 Peter 5:2-3)

Moving People from Association to Participation

Life Group members create transformative, attractional communities that engage the body of Christ, encouraging involvement and deep, caring relationships where they show up for one another in love. (Ephesians 4:16, Hebrews 10:24-25)

Focused on Fun

Life Group members should engage in genuine, enjoyable, and fun activities that develop a strong sense of relational community. Welcome to the party! (Ecclesiastes 3:12-13, Proverbs 17:22)

Regular Service Engagement

Life Group members dedicate time to connect with Northview Teams and its mission partners through projects that contribute to the advancement of Kingdom work. Groups that serve together grow together, stay together, and impact the world together. (Galatians 5:13, 1 Peter 4:10)

Development and Duplication

Life Group members believe that we are all called to make disciples who, in turn, make more disciples by teaching obedience to the Word. Because of this, leaders appoint and develop apprentice leaders, and members are open to being called to help launch new life groups, thereby sharing and duplicating the life-giving communities they are engaged in building. (Matthew 28:19-20, 2 Timothy 2:2)

Safe and Confidential

Life Group members create a safe place where everyone can be vulnerable, authentic, open, and honest about their perspectives and experiences. They agree that everything heard and shared within their group is confidential. Nothing leaves the group without the permission of the person who shared it, unless they are in danger of harming themselves, others, or are involved in illegal activity. (Galatians 6:1-2, Proverbs 11:13)

Accountability

Life Group members offer grace while holding each other accountable as they strive for a healthy spiritual life that honors God. Members are receptive to grace-filled, loving correction meant to help one another see blind spots as we grow and mature. (Proverbs 27:6 and 17, 1 John 1:9)