



Life Group Covenant Reflection Group Guide – January 12

Note to leaders: Send the Life Group Covenant Reflection to everyone in your group so they can print it out and prepare to participate in the practice. They can complete it beforehand if that works better for your group, but the group guide allows for time to complete it while meeting together.

Opening prayer – Read aloud together (2 minutes).

Heavenly Father, we come before you with grateful hearts, seeking to grow in your love and grace. Thank you for the gift of your Holy Spirit, who guides, empowers, and transforms us from the inside out. Thank you for the example you sent us in your Son Jesus and as we seek a life, abiding in his love, we ask you for your help. Lord, help us to walk in love, joy, and peace, reflecting your character in all we do. Teach us patience and kindness, and fill us with goodness, faithfulness, and gentleness. Above all, empower us to live with self-control, surrendering our desires to your will. As we gather together today, open our hearts to learn from your word and from each other. May we leave this time together closer to one another and closer to you. Amen.

Overview of January life group meeting content:

Week of January 12: Complete Life Group Covenant Reflection practice

Week of January 19: Attend Life Group Vision Nights as a group

Week of January 26: Debrief of Life Group Vision Nights and commitment to covenant

Life Group Covenant Reflection Practice (30 minutes)

Members of the group will take this time to complete the practice on their own.

Come back together to share (50 minutes).

1. As you rated how you individually have been living out the covenant, what did you notice?
2. As you rated how we as a group have been living out the covenant, what are areas you think we could grow?
3. Where specifically have you witnessed the fruit of the Spirit in yourself?
4. Where specifically have you witnessed the fruit of the Spirit in members of our group?
5. **Have someone read Mark 10:46-52 aloud.** What did you notice as you responded to the question: What do you want Jesus to do for you?
6. What role does our life group play in what you want to see Jesus do in your life?
7. Is there anything you personally are ready to commit to in order to make space for Jesus to do what you want him to do?

Close in prayer together, including any requests shared (10 minutes).

Father, as disciples, help us to pursue formation into Christ likeness by abiding in Christ through worship, teaching, Scripture, prayer, and community.

Father, help us to live out your word, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit and in accountability with others.

Father, help us acknowledge the authority of Scripture and pursue emotional and relational health all as a part of growing in spiritual maturity.

Father, as people with a purpose in the Kingdom of God, help us to proclaim the Gospel in our community by serving others and sharing the hope of Jesus.

Father, help us to partner with you by generously giving our time, gifts, and resources.

As we pursue a life abiding in you, may we do all these things for your glory. Amen.

What's next?

Next week, plan to attend Life Group Vision Nights together as a group. The evening will include activities in the lobby for your group, worship, vision casting, and prayer. You don't want to miss this!