

## UNDERSTANDING THE VISION FOR LIFE GROUPS

### WHAT IS A LIFE GROUP?

A LIFE Group is a group of about 8-12 people that meet together on a regular basis for the purpose of GROWTH (personal transformation through community for multiplication). These groups can be short-term or long-term.

### HOW DOES A LIFE GROUP WORK?

At Bethel, LIFE Groups are committed to BEING together to become Christ-like in all areas of life. Ideally a group is pursuing all areas simultaneously, but there may be certain seasons or groups where the focus is on one particular value.

### THERE ARE 4 VALUES OF OUR LIFE GROUP COMMUNITY:

1. Prayerfully Engaged – actively pursuing growth in spiritual intimacy with God through prayer together
2. Word-Centered/Biblically Measured – groups are doing studies that bring deeper understanding of the Word & live under its' authority
3. Community Gathered - creating safe conversational spaces and practical application in areas of growth in the life of group members
4. Community Scattered – how Bethel serves outside itself (this can be done as a group, or as individuals within the group)

### HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

See inside...OR contact  
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## WINTER & SPRING 2018

LIFE  
  
groups

@Bethel Church

**DISCIPLESHIP** is the process of **PERSONAL TRANSFORMATION** into **CHRIST-LIKENESS** (Romans 12:1-2) in **COMMUNITY** for the purpose of making other disciples.

(Matthew 28)





AT BETHEL, WE HAVE TWO TYPES OF LIFE GROUPS

**SHORT-TERM GROUPS** | Offered with a specific focus or theme for a specified time (usually takes place at the church but can occur in people's homes).

FOR SHORT-TERM GROUP SIGN UP ✉ [keri@bethelkingston.com](mailto:keri@bethelkingston.com)

### DROP-IN/ON-GOING

COFFEE N' KIDS:  
A NO-FRILLS MOM'S GROUP  
AT BETHEL

WEDNESDAYS IN THE NURSERY @ 10 AM

Just coffee and conversation.  
No program. Starts again January 10th.

✉ [jamiestinson@me.com](mailto:jamiestinson@me.com)

SOMETHING FOR WOMEN  
LADIES' STUDY

THURSDAYS IN THE LIBRARY @ 9:30-11 AM

A great place to plug in with other women if you don't have a lot of time to study or can't make a weekly commitment. Bible study, prayer, snacks and childcare!

✉ [tamarab613@gmail.com](mailto:tamarab613@gmail.com)

**LONG-TERM GROUPS** | A group of people who are committed to journey together and to each other's long-term growth. These groups run year-round.

If you have attended short-term groups and are interested in a more permanent community, please contact Amanda ([amanda.bethelchurch@gmail.com](mailto:amanda.bethelchurch@gmail.com)). PLEASE NOTE: THAT WITH SHORT-TERM GROUPS PRIORITY IS FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT ALREADY IN LONG-TERM GROUPS.

### WINTER 2018 SHORT-TERM LIFE GROUPS

NOTE: AS THESE GROUPS ARE FOR A LIMITED NUMBER OF PEOPLE WE ASK THAT YOU SIGN UP IN ADVANCE THROUGH CONTACTING [KERI@BETHELKINGSTON.COM](mailto:keri@bethelkingston.com) AND THAT YOU STAY COMMITTED FOR THE DURATION OF THE STUDY.

**THE CRUCIAL CONVERSATION:  
PRAYER**

(3 WEEKS) UPPER ROOM 1 HOUR OF PRAYER  
STARTING AT 6:30 & 7:45

CHOOSE ONE NIGHT AND ONE TIME  
Tuesdays: Jan 30, Feb 6 & 13 OR  
Wednesdays: Jan 31, Feb 7 & 14

Using our Sunday morning teaching as a springboard, these groups will explore themes related to prayer in greater depth & create space to experience (practice!) prayer in a small setting with the pastors. Where else could and would we learn and practice...but with each other?

### HOW TO STUDY YOUR BIBLE (FOR ALL IT'S WORTH!)

(6 WEEKS) WEDNESDAYS IN THE UPPER ROOM  
@ 7-9 PM. STARTS FEB 21

LEADER: MARK KOTCHAPAW

You don't need fancy tools or a DVD series to get something out of your bible reading. Using foundational skills that will be taught and practiced in the class, this group will come together, learn together and discuss God's Word – and then apply it to life. This will benefit both your personal devotions and building your ability to share what you are learning in community.

### CONTAGIOUS CHRISTIANITY

(6 WEEKS) TUESDAYS IN THE UPPER ROOM  
@ 7-9 PM. STARTS MARCH 6

LEADER: AMANDA VAN HALTEREN

Just say the word 'evangelism' and many Christians either feel guilt or apathy. But it doesn't have to be frustrating or intimidating. Through Becoming a Contagious Christian you will discover your own natural evangelism style, how to develop a contagious Christian character, to build spiritually strategic relationships, to direct conversations toward matters of faith, and to share biblical truths in everyday language. This landmark book presents a blueprint for starting a spiritual epidemic of hope and enthusiasm for spreading the Gospel.

### EASTER EXPERIENCE

(6 WEEKS) WEDNESDAYS IN THE UPSTREET ROOM @ 7-9 PM. STARTS FEB 21

LEADER: JAMIE STINSON

Make Easter much more than just a holiday. The Easter Experience resources explore the life-changing meaning of Easter.

Featuring dramatic story-telling with Biblical teaching from Kyle Idleman, The Easter Experience brings the passion and resurrection of Christ to life.

Discussion focus: My Life has a Purpose, My Life Can Change, My Pain is Understood, My Life has a Plan, I Have the Promise of Eternal Life, I Have a Hope that Never Dies.

### SPRING 2018 SHORT-TERM LIFE GROUPS

\*\*more information will be communicated closer to the time

#### LIFESTAGE FOCUS

LEADER: JAMIE STINSON  
Parenting Beyond Your Capacity

#### APOLOGETICS/SHARING YOUR FAITH

LEADER: CARMEN GAUVIN-O'DONNELL  
More info to follow.