



Potential Life Groups Leaders

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Do I need to be a "Bible Expert" to become a Life Group Leader?

Definitely not! The most important thing you need is a desire to serve, shepherd and care for the members of your group along with a desire to grow in your own personal relationship with Jesus Christ. When you take this step of faith, through prayer, God's Holy Spirit will give you what you need to be an effective leader. Gateway has many DVD curriculums available that provide expert teaching to your small group. Furthermore on our website you will find many different resource tools to assist you as you lead.

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What is the requirements/process to lead a Life Group?

1. Potential leader have stepped over the line of faith and accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
2. Potential leader have been through or is planning to go through the [Discovering Gateway](#) sessions.
3. Potential leader support Gateway's Statement of Faith along with their overall strategy without any reservation or addition.
4. Potential Leaders will need to meet with the Life Group Pastor.
4. Potential Leaders will attend the Life Group Leadership 101 and New Life Group leader huddle. These training are usually on two consecutive Sunday Mornings.

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What Life Group studies are recommended and where can I get materials?

Gateway has a wide range of recommend small group studies. You can find information either by clicking on [Curriculum Resource – DVD](#) or the [Life Group Leader Blog](#)

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How should our group handle childcare?

First, make childcare a top priority in order to make it happen. If there are people who can't afford childcare, ask others to step up to help out. You will want to rally together to resolve this need.

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How do people move from one group to another, or do they?

Yes, we have found over time that some people do move from one group to another. It is important that you let people have the ability and the flexibility to move to another group. It's important that the leaders understand that meeting the members' needs is the primary concern, even if it means they find another group. We encourage leaders to remember that not all people grow at the same rate, or have the same needs over time. It is healthy for people to seek a group that meets their needs at the time.

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When should my group meet?

Groups meet at the time, place, and day of the week that best fits the needs of the groups. If you are starting a new group, you should choose the time and place that is convenient to you, the leader, then people who can meet on your schedule will be attracted to your group.

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How long should the average Life Group meeting last?

A typical Life Group meeting is one and a half to two hours. However, it is unique for each group, depending on the type of group, and should be worked out by agreement of the group members.

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Must I invite only people from Gateway Community Church or can I invite coworkers and friends to join my group?

Absolutely! Inform your friends, neighbors, family members, coworkers and casual acquaintances about your Life Group. **However**, remember it is not our desire to attract people away from other Bible believing churches, our desire is to both connect "unconnected" people at our church and take the next step to reach our community for Jesus Christ through our Life Groups.

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Do you still have a Life Group Question that has not been answered here or desiring to take the next step of becoming a Life Group Leader?

Fill free to e-mail us at bmcauley@gateway-community.org, call the church office at 281.286.1515 (M-F 8:30am-4:30pm) or drop by the ministry kiosk on Sunday mornings.

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