LifeGroup Coaching Sheet

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# “What has God placed in you?”

**My Prayer for you:** Father thank You that I am more than what I see. You have made me with eternity in mind. Forgive us for losing sight of the potential You have placed in us that we might reflect Your glory for the world to see. I pray for Your kingdom to be seen in me. Lord lead us to You through our LifeGroup. In the name of Jesus I pray, Amen.

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**Matthew 6:33**

**33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.**

* Whatever you put first in your life will organize your life.

**Opener Q - What is first in your life and how would you prove it?**

* **Where did we come from?**
  + Read Genesis 1:11 – God spoke to the land and called forth vegetation.
  + Read Genesis 1:24 – God spoke to the land and called forth living creatures.
  + **Genesis 1:26-27 God spoke to Himself. God called us forth out of Himself. God is our source – we were created out of God.**
* **Q – What is something beautiful/powerful that God has placed within you?(CARE OPP)**
* **Q: –** **In a few short sentences describe the person you long to be in Jesus?** Example: “I long to be more loving – that my love for others and for God would be unquenchable that as people see me they would see His amazing love for each of them and through His love many lives would be changed”

**Leader Moment:** look for opportunities to affirm what God has placed (dreams, abilities) in those in your LifeGroup! DO NOT STAY SILENT – C.A.R.E. (Confess, Affirm, Relate, Encourage)

**Close in Pray: Ask that God would use us to be the men and woman He created us to be.**

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# Plan to go to the next level!

Genuine fellowship helps us move from just sharing coffee and cookies to being a safe community where we can be transparent with one another. Here are some simple but effective steps your LifeGroup can take to build this kind of fellowship and encourage genuine community:

**Offer new people a history of the group.** Have everyone – including the first-timers – share a little bit about their family and a few of the activities they enjoy doing in their free time.  
**Provide ice-breakers.** Sometimes the silliest questions or activities are best. These help people get to know one another in a safe way.  
**Celebrate milestones.** Help foster community by celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, long-awaited adoptions, and other special events in people’s lives.  
**Celebrate victories.** In addition to job promotions and other achievements, make sure you celebrate spiritual victories and answers to prayer.  
**Plan an overnighter.** Arrange for an “adults only” weekend or a family getaway. The time spent together on an overnighter is equivalent to three months of nightly group meetings.  
**Host a “Fun Night.”** Instead of the usual study time, surprise the group with a night full of games and fun. Such a change of pace is both healthy and refreshing for the group.  
**Institute a hot seat.** Sit a person in the center of the circle and have everyone shower him or her with heartfelt affirmation. Statements can begin with, “You’re important to our group because …” Everyone needs this kind of affirmation from time to time. By: Steve Gladen