

# 14 Frequently Asked Questions about Life Groups

Int'l Bible Church – Jurbise, Belgium  
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## WHAT IS A LIFE GROUP?

Life Groups bring together 4 to 20 people who meet to share fellowship, **Bible study**, **prayer** and food. People seek to connect on a deeper level and grow in Christ.

## WHAT HAPPENS IN A LIFE GROUP?

When you attend a Life Group, you can expect a good time of fellowship, food, Bible study and prayer. Life Groups are open to everyone! Long-term trust and good relationships are nurtured as well as loving support and accountability.

## ARE THERE FRENCH SPEAKING GROUPS?

Yes! Most groups are using English during their meetings but if your language of choice is French, we have one that is meeting!

## WHEN ARE LIFE GROUPS STARTING THIS YEAR?

They are starting in August! This is when many schools are starting up in Belgium and on our military bases. You are invited to contact any Life Group member and ask to be included!

## IS THERE CHILDCARE AVAILABLE?

Each group is asked to provide their own childcare. They may include children in some part of the group time and then allow time specifically geared for the adults and children separately. Parents can chip in together to hire a babysitter at the meeting place or a nearby home. Each group can decide how to handle this in the best way possible.

## ARE THERE GROUPS THAT HAVE MARRIED COUPLES & SINGLES MEETING TOGETHER?

Yes! Life Groups are encouraged to bring both singles and married couples together.

We welcome this so that singles can make friends with those who are married. It is also an opportunity for married couples to support and understand the challenges of a single lifestyle.

## HOW LONG DOES EACH LIFE GROUP MEETING LAST?

Most groups meet for 2 hours from 6 – 8 PM to accommodate time for food, fellowship, Bible study, and prayer.

## WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A GROUP GROWS OVER 20 ADULTS?

When a group becomes 14 or more, it's a good time to consider birthing another Life Group. Like natural birth, this can sound painful. But the heart of God's Kingdom is about starting new groups to give more opportunities for others to join. It is great that the "parent" group and its "birthed" group get together once a year for fellowship and support.

## **WHEN, WHERE AND HOW OFTEN DO LIFE GROUPS MEET?**

Most Life Groups meet during the evening on the 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month. Some meet on another day of the week. While most groups meet in a consistent location (the home of a leader or a group member), some groups take turns meeting in different members' homes. Groups are free to meet weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly. However, we suggest that no Life Group meet at less once a month.

## **WHAT GOES ON AT A GROUP MEETING?**

Many groups enjoy a time of food and fellowship in the beginning, then they transition to a time of sharing, group prayer before diving into a planned Bible study. Each group decides how much time they will spend on food, fellowship, Bible study, and prayer.

## **WHAT DO LIFE GROUPS STUDY?**

Each Life Group will have a structured study that revolves around God's Word. Examples of a structured studies include things like: a chapter-by-chapter study of one book of the Bible or an in-depth, continued study of the Sunday morning message or a sermon series by a respected teacher or a Bible-based Christian book or a DVD Series (Beth Moore, Francis Chan, Focus on the Family, etc.). Whatever curriculum is chosen, the primary discussion and study time should revolve around everyone sharing and participating.

## **ARE LIFE GROUPS VOLUNTARY?**

Yes! We encourage everyone to be involved in a Life Group but it is 100% voluntary.

## **HOW CAN I BECOME A GROUP LEADER OR START A NEW LIFE GROUP?**

Thank you for your willingness to serve! Please meet with the Pastor to share any thoughts and talk through your plans. The role of a Life Group Leader is very similar to that of a Deacon in Scripture (Acts 6:1-7; 1 Tim. 3:8-12). Therefore, we wish to be sure that those interested in helping are fully prepared, well supported & equipped to serve!

## **HOW DO I JOIN A LIFE GROUP?**

Just let one of our leaders know that you're interested or fill out the "tear off section" below and leave it in the offering plate.

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(Please tear off this section and place in offering plate)

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I (we'd) like to join a Life Group!  
Can you help me (us) find one?

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Kids \_\_\_\_\_