



LIFE GROUP CURRICULUM SUGGESTIONS – 11/09

Parental Guidance Required

4 sessions

Teachers: Andy Stanley and Reggie Joiner

As parents, we need to do everything we can to enhance our children's relationship with us, to influence their relationships with those outside the home, and most importantly, to advance their relationship with God. The *Parental Guidance Required* study will help parents to ask themselves the important questions. Asking the right questions is the key to helping you assess your family's needs and ensure that the influence you have is one that will last a lifetime.

H20 - A Journey of Faith

10 sessions

Teacher: Kyle Idleman

H20 is a 10-week experience designed to create a safe atmosphere where people are comfortable considering the person of Jesus Christ. The study helps answer the tough questions about God, creation, the Bible, Jesus, suffering, prayer, Satan, afterlife, and questions about questions.

The Purpose Driven Life

6 sessions

Teacher: Rick Warren

Embark on a journey of discovery. Throughout this six-session study you are going to discover the answer to life's fundamental question: "*What on earth am I here for?*" *The Purpose-Driven Life* helps small groups and individuals understand God's incredible plan for your life. Pastor Rick Warren enables you to see the big picture of what life is all about and begin to live the life God created you to live.

Fork in the Road (Liquid series)

5 sessions

Teachers: John Ward & Jeff Pries

A fork in the road... it always begs the question: which way will you go? It requires a decision. Sometimes the decision is well-thought out. Other times we're forced to decide in a split second which direction to take. We've all had fork in the road moments, just like King David. From his legendary triumph over Goliath to his greatest downfall with Bathsheba, *Fork in the Road* portrays one man's crucial moments of decision that either lead him to victory or defeat.

Mirror Image (Liquid series)

5 sessions

Teachers: John Ward & Jeff Pries

At least once a day we look into a mirror and see an image of ourselves. But have you ever stopped to think about the image you're looking at? This challenging study from John Ward and Jeff Pries is the story of a family from Orange County who faces dramatic events and must choose how to respond. Based on some of the most famous biblical parables, *Mirror Image* reminds us that Jesus' teaching ask us to change the way we think in order to be salt and light in the world.

Live at Five (Liquid series)

5 sessions

Teachers: John Ward & Jeff Pries

Life at Five is the story of Natalie Neff and her struggles to discover purpose and direction in her life. Based on the book of James, told from the perspective of a firsthand reporter - James, the half brother of Jesus - we get a great perspective on some of life's most important issues. The book of James is about how to live life, and how to live it practically. *Live at Five* portrays the practical advice of James in a light-hearted, culturally relevant way.

Money Talks (Liquid series)

5 sessions

Teachers: John Ward & Jeff Pries

Do you love me? Do you trust me? Do you live for me? Do you want more of me? It's funny how money and God say some of the same things. If you think

you have ever had issues with money, you should meet the Penders. Money is a part of all our lives, but to this California family, money is everything. Their outrageous view of money provides an amusing yet insightful reflection on struggles we all face in our consumer-driven culture. *Money Talks* takes a lighthearted but important look at one of the more difficult issues of our faith: money and stewardship.

Boundaries with Kinds

8 sessions

Teachers: Henry Cloud and John Townsend

This Small Group study gives parents the tools for raising their kids to take responsibility for their own actions, attitudes, and emotions. The eight sessions will help bring order to problematic family circumstances and guide even the most stable families into better ways of relating. Award-winning authors, counselors, and speakers Henry Cloud and John Townsend take the parents in your group through the ins and outs of instilling character in their children - the kind that will help them lead balanced, productive, and fulfilling adult lives.

Love Talk - A Guide to Speaking Each Others Language

6 sessions

Teachers: Dr. Les & Leslie Parrott

In this curriculum, acclaimed relationship experts and real-life couple Les and Leslie Parrott are back with a wonderfully insightful guide for improving the single most important factor in any marriage or love relationship - communication! In *Love Talk*, the Parrotts present a simple plan to help each participant discover his or her communication style, as well as their partner's, and how the two can best interact for healthy communication.

Just Walk Across the Room

4 sessions

Teacher: Bill Hybels

Just a few steps and a friendly hello may be all it takes to change someone's life - and their eternity! And the good news is, it has more to do with taking a genuine interest in another person and listening to their story than it does with learning evangelism tactics and techniques. This study shows you how to follow Jesus' model of personal evangelism by "living in 3-D" - developing friendships, discovering stories, and discerning appropriate ways to leave your comfort zone. Learn to share the good news of redemption with people living far from God.

Life's Healing Choices

Author: John Baker

The perfect guide for Small Groups teaches readers how to handle their hurts, hang-ups, and habits, finding strength in numbers and compassion from others. Thousands of churches around the country have small group studies, and this book focuses on the eight concrete, well-defined choices that are the foundation of Life's Healing Choices. This guide is specifically designed to help Small Groups study the principles in more detail, such as Admitting Need, Getting Help, and Letting Go. This study is based off the book with the same title. No DVD is required, just one book and one workbook.

Faith Lessons - Walk as Jesus Walked

5 sessions

Teacher: Ray VanderLaan

As disciples of Jesus, we've discovered that following him demands a passion for the text and a complete devotion to Christian community. But there is more. A disciple is consumed with a passion to be like the Rabbi - Jesus. Come and discover the passion of our early Christian brothers and sisters. Follow in their footprints as they loved the Messiah with all their heart, all their soul, and all their might - every moment of every day.

The Case for Christ

6 sessions

Teacher: Lee Strobel

Is there credible evidence that Jesus of Nazareth really is the Son of God? Retracing his own spiritual journey from atheism to faith, Lee Strobel cross-examines several experts who are recognized authorities in their own fields. Strobel challenges them with questions like: How reliable is the New Testament? Does evidence for Jesus exist outside the Bible? Is there any reason to believe the resurrection was an actual event? Strobel's tough, point-blank questions make this study a captivating, fast-paced experience. But it's not fiction. It's a riveting quest for the truth about history's most compelling figure.

Reality - 7 Truths from Experiencing God

7 sessions

Teachers: Henry and Richard Blackaby

How do you perceive the world? Is it cold and harsh? A place where we each live and act in isolation? Or do you look around in amazement, because you can see evidence of God's power and presence - not just in creation, but in our daily lives. In this study author Henry Blackaby teaches and answers questions about the

seven biblical truths that define God's presence in the world. In the process, it will strengthen their relationships with other believers and ultimately, with God. Because only when you are fully aware of God's presence, can you know and do his will.

Deeper Connections - The Parables of Jesus

6 sessions

Teachers: Various

Jesus communicated deep spiritual truths through simple, vivid, and engaging stories. Woven from the stuff of everyday life, the parables of Jesus made the kingdom of God understandable and accessible to his listeners. This study taught by various well-known professors will help you gain new insights into Jesus' parables and their meanings that will help you to appreciate more fully their relevance for your own life.

Deeper Connections - The Miracles of Jesus

6 sessions

Teachers: Various

Healer of diseases. Master of nature. Conqueror of demons and death. Jesus not only preached the kingdom of God in word, but he demonstrated it in power through his miraculous deeds. Taught by various well-known professors, this unique, in-depth look at the miracles of Jesus will open your eyes to their impact on the lives he touched, what they reveal about God's heart, and their significance for us today.

Daniel - Lives of Integrity, Words of Prophecy

12 sessions

Teacher: Beth Moore

This study shows how individuals can live with integrity in today's self-absorbed society. Join Beth in a faith-building study of prophecy and learn how to shine for Christ in our modern culture. Just as the prophet Daniel faced unbelievable pressures - to compromise his faith, to live in a hostile culture, and to confront temptations and threats - today's believers face many of the same trials.

Song of Solomon

11 sessions

Teacher: Tommy Nelson

The Song of Solomon series teaches the Biblical design for relationships.

Designed for singels as well as married couples, this exegetical study follows Solomon's relationship. In this dynamic study Tommy touches on the major themes of attraction, dating, courtship, and marriage. The study also deals with intimacy, resolving conflict, keeping romance alive, and committing to the end.

Love and Respect

5 sessions

Teachers: Dr. Emerson and Sarah Eggerichs

This in-depth study is taken right from the Love and Respect Conference. The five sessions in this study cover topics like: Why We Negatively React to Each Other, How a Husband Best Motivates His Wife, and How a Wife Best Motivates Her Husband. This study will give you practical application on how you can give him the respect he desperately needs and the love she most desires.

Other Options...

NOOMA

New lessons published every 2-3 months

Teacher: Rob Bell

NOOMA touches on issues that we care about, that we want to talk about, and it comes in a way that fits our world. These short films are designed to stimulate conversation and discussion amongst group members about real-life topics and situations that affect our everyday life. Each DVD comes with one workbook needed to create conversation amongst group members.

LIFECHANGE

Sessions vary

Produced by The Navigators

Christians have a lifelong goal. That goal is to become like Christ. This involves change, and change isn't often easy. Yet the more you know of God's purposes for you, the more you can experience His joy and cooperate with His plan. These studies are designed to help groups and individuals gain a greater understanding of a particular book of the Bible and how to apply it to your own life. This study is based directly from the workbook and your Bible, so no DVD s required. With nearly thirty different books of the Bible available, this study can tremendously help your group grow in knowledge of God and his word.