

HOW TO MAXIMIZE LIFE GROUPS TO MAKE DISCIPLES

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To Maximize your Life Group you will need to emphasize Homework and Relationships.

Focus on Homework - Taking the process of discipleship into the home.
Deuteronomy 6:4-9 stresses the importance of a family centered everyday faith.

To maximize your small groups invest in your parents through:

- Taking action to get to know your parents
- Conversations with parents
- Newsletters
- Providing questions after meetings via text to spur conversation with their students
- Keeping parents resourced

If we do not budget for parent ministry then we will give our parents “leftovers”! So, make a plan for parents to engage them in the process of discipleship in the home. This is a multi-lane highway between the Youth Pastor, Life Group leader and the Parent.

Focus on Relationships - Demonstrate your personal belief in Jesus and show you care about the needs of students.

- Follow up on prayer requests and individual needs discussed in life group
- Reach out to students beyond the setting of the small group and away from the church
- Make personal (at home) discipleship a highly emphasized priority in life group
- A small personal discipleship win is an important win as it will have a lasting impact
- Invite students to join you in the work of ministry and outreach
- Invite other leaders to encourage your students and engage them in their strengths
- Create opportunities for accountability

Relationships questions for Life Group leaders:

1. Do you know your students' name?
2. Do you know the basic details of their life?
3. Do you know their story?
4. Do they know the Gospel?
5. Are they living out the Gospel?