



LIFEgroup FAQs

What is a LIFEgroup?

A LIFEgroup is a small group of 8 to 12 people of many different life stages who gather together for Bible study with the goal of connecting better with God and with others.

Why should I get involved in a LIFEgroup?

Everyone needs relationships (friends) and everyone needs someone to pick them up when they fall. LIFEgroups provide a place where you can “do life” together with others and a place where you can belong during your life’s journey.

Who attends a LIFEgroup?

Everyone! Adults who are married, single, in college, with children or without children, “empty-nesters” and mature adults ages 55+. Fishhawk Fellowship has a LIFEgroup for everyone, no matter if you are new to Fishhawk Fellowship or have been attending for awhile, groups are open to receive new friends.

When do LIFEgroups meet?

LIFEgroups meet any day of the week at any time. For info about groups currently meeting, please visit our website, www.fishhawkfc.org, then click on the LIFEgroup banner or the *inFellowship - Get Connected* box; both will take you to a page where you can search for groups offered throughout the week by clicking on Find a Group.

Where do LIFEgroups meet?

They can meet in the home of the group leader or in the home of another group member, in restaurants, or club houses.

What is the length of each LIFEgroup gathering?

Groups typically meet for 1-1/2 to 2 hours.

What is the format of a LIFEgroup?

Though each group will differ in how they do things, group time consists of *Sermon Based or a Topical Bible Study*, building relationships, discussion, and prayer. Many groups also fellowship around snacks and refreshments. Some groups even have dinner together.

How long does a LIFEgroup last?

LIFEgroups are set up on a semester system where groups meet and then take the summer off. We believe that Scripture teaches that there is a time to work and there is a need to have a time to rest.

Fall Semester - September, October, November, December (12-13 weeks)

Winter Semester - January, February, March (7-8 weeks)

Spring Semester - April, May (6-7) weeks

Can our group stay together for the next semester?

Yes! At the conclusion of each semester, if your group leader plans on leading again, each group member will be given an opportunity to pre-enroll by letting the leader know they would like to continue on with the group.

One important goal of our LIFEgroup discipleship ministry is that groups will “organically multiply” into new LIFEgroups at the end of the semester. As a group becomes too full to accommodate new friends or family invited by group members, it is important that the group consider splitting off into a new group so that new spiritual growth will continue to take place. This helps keep an “open seat” available for a guest or family member to fill.

What do LIFEgroups study?

Our groups are involved in a study called *Sermon Based Bible Studies*. These studies are all about building bridges that connect people to a passionate life in Christ by helping grow deeper relationships with God and with others. Sermon Based LIFEgroups are based on the weekend’s sermons; these studies will encourage weekend worship while amplifying our church’s mission, unity, and Biblical application of the message by digging deeper in the sermons. Some men’s and ladies’ groups study various approved topical studies.

Is there a cost to be in a LIFEgroup?

There is no charge to join or attend, however, there may be a cost for books or study guides if you are in a LifeCARE or Topical Study Group, depending on the curriculum, which may be \$10-\$20.

How Can I start my own LIFEgroup?

If you have completed church membership and have already attended a FishHawk Fellowship LIFEgroup for one semester, you could start a new group by becoming a LIFEgroup Leader yourself. For more information on how to become a LIFEgroup Leader, please pick up a LIFEgroup Leader Application from the LIFEgroup Center in the Worship Center Lobby. If you have more questions about becoming a leader, please contact our Discipleship Pastor, Bob Magruder, at: bmagruder@fishhawkfc.org or call him at the church office at (813) 655-7431.

