

NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP
MEMBERSHIP ORIENTATION

AGENDA

(Session 1)

1:30-1:50

WELCOME/SESSION OVERVIEW

- Check in/Childcare
- Refreshments
- Instructions for Completing Data Sheet
- Meet and Greet

1:50-2:30

MISSION/VISION/VALUES/Framework

2:30-2:40

BREAK

2:40-3:15

CONGREGATION AND DOCTRINAL OVERVIEW

- Beliefs
- Membership
- Elders and Leadership

3:15-3:30

WRAP UP/NEXT STEP

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AGENDA

(Session 2)

1:30-1:50

WELCOME/OVERVIEW

- Check in/Childcare
- Refreshments
- Ice Breaker

1:50-2:10

ADMINISTRATIVE OVERVIEW

2:10-2:20

BREAK

2:20-3:00

HOMEWORK

3:00-3:15

LIFE GROUPS

3:15-3:30

WRAPUP/NEXT STEPS

SESSION 1





MISSION STATEMENT

Inviting People to Follow Christ

(Matthew 28:18-20)



VISION STATEMENT

To become a diverse community of spiritually mature believers committed to seeing lives changed with the good news of Jesus Christ. (Acts 2)

We affirm diversity and unity in the community of faith (Acts 2:5) – We value a church that affirms, embraces and seeks unity and racial, cultural and economic diversity in the community of faith. (Eph. 2: 14-16; Rev. 5:9)

We cultivate transparent & genuine relationships (Acts 2:42-46) – We value genuine relationships where people are accepted as they grow together, pray for one another and encourage each other to be more like Christ. (Eph. 4:14-16) Transparency produces transformation.

We influence society through local & global outreach (Acts 2:39) – We value sharing the good news and good works of Christ to influence social justice, alleviate human suffering and realize human equality (Luke 4:18-19; Isaiah 1:17).

We shepherd as servant leaders (Acts 2:42- 43) – We value leadership that reflects Christ's heart for shepherding in loving servitude (Mark 10:41-45; John 13:4-5)

We share Christ through relational evangelism (Acts 2:40, 43) – We value sharing Christ through personal relationships. We seek to equip and encourage believers to be witnesses for Christ every day, everywhere, and to meet unbelievers where they are by walking alongside them in their spiritual journey towards Christ. (Luke 5:27-32)

We serve with our spiritual gifts and build teams (Acts 2:42-43) – We value believers serving one another in ways that allow them to use their spiritual gifts, according to their divine design and personal passions, and in the context of ministry teams. (1 Cor. 12; 1 Peter 4:10-11)

We exalt God through authentic, creative & blended worship (Acts 2:47) – We value God-exalted worship that embodies creativity, diversity, unity and authenticity in style, presentation and cultural representation. (John 4:23-24; Rev. 5:9)

We love, learn and live the Scriptures (Acts 2:42) – We value teaching the Scriptures with clarity and conviction. We seek to help believers grow in their love of Scripture; we equip them to independently nourish their souls from Scripture; and we encourage believers to live in obedience to Scripture. (Psalm 1; Psalm 19; Psalm 119)



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KNOW



GROW



SOW



GO



NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP

F R A M E W O R K

New Life Fellowship's ministry framework is designed to guide us in fulfilling our mission of:

Inviting people to know and imitate Christ



KNOW

Knowing God is the environment that attracts people from various spiritual backgrounds and connects them to God. It is a friendly and safe place where unbelievers can explore spiritual matters and believers are able to experience a fresh encounter with God.

We demonstrate the Know step through our Sunday ministries:

- Relevant Messages
- Welcome Team
- Praise & Music
- Discover New Life
- Fine Arts
- Harvest Sundays
- Children
- Youth



GROW

Growing in Faith is the environment that assists believers in their spiritual growth towards Christlike maturity. It seeks to help believers know and live out spiritual practices in the context of authentic relationships.

We demonstrate the Grow step through:

- New Members Orientation
- Pathways Bible Institute
- Life Groups
- Spiritual growth classes
- Baptism
- Men's Fellowship
- Women's Fellowship
- Marriage Fellowship
- Single's Fellowship



SOW

S.O.W. (Serving Others Well) in Ministry is the environment that helps believers discover their God-given spiritual gifts and equip them to serve faithfully fruitfully in church ministries.

We demonstrate the SOW step through:

- Serving on a NLF ministry team
- Spiritual Gifts Assessment
- Ministry Fair



GO

Go Share Christ is the environment that trains, encourages, and creates opportunities for believers to be a living witness wherever God has placed them.

We demonstrate the GO step of our strategy through:

- Share & Care Day
- Impact Cards
- Evangelism Training
- Evangelistic Prayer
- Hope for the Holidays
- World Missions



I will meditate on Your precepts And regard Your ways. - Psalm 119:15

The **S.O.A.P.** *Self Feeding* **DAILY** **Devotional Plan**

S.O.A.P. stands for Scripture, Observation, Application, and Prayer.

It is a method of Bible journaling developed by Pastor Wayne Cordeiro. It's a great way to get more out of reading your Bible, and allows you to record your thoughts, emotions and the revelation you receive from God's Word.

As beneficial as the bible is, you only benefit from it based on what you do with it

- DrMauricePugh

Getting Started

- 1. Time and Place:** Find a quiet time and space to read your Bible, preferably at the same time each day. Many people find that reading scripture in the morning helps get their day off to a focused start.
- 2. What to Read:** You can follow a reading plan through the entire Bible, or the New Testament. Or you can select one book of the Bible to work through at a time. If you don't know where to start, pick a Gospel (Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John), and then work your way through it and on through the rest of the New Testament.
- 3. Use a Journal:** You can use a paper journal, or electronically record your daily entries.
- 4. Time Breakdown:** 1/3 Bible - 1/3 Journal - 1/3 Prayer



I will walk in freedom, for I have devoted myself to your commandments. - Psalm 119:45

S.O.A.P.

Scripture

Read meditatively and thoughtfully through a portion of Scripture. Pick a verse or two that stood out to you and write it in your journal.

Observation

Now write some observations about the verse(s) or passage. What is this passage or verse saying? About God? About people? How is Christ revealed in this?

Application

Now write a few sentences on how this passage applies to your life. Is there truth about God that you are to believe? A promise to receive? Is the Holy Spirit convicting you of something you need to do or stop doing in light of God's truth?

What specific principle are you challenged to practice based on Scripture, prayer, and reflection? Be doers of the word and not merely hearers. (James 1:22)

Prayer

Now write out a prayer to God in response to this Scripture. This is a way to turn God's Word to you back to Him. Be honest and express your heart to Him. God always listens and He delights in your prayers. (Psalm 34:15; Proverbs 15:8)

*O how I love
Your law!
It is my
meditation
all the day.
- Psalm 119:97*

Your word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against You. - Psalm 119: 9-11

We Believe In...

The Godhead. We believe that the Godhead exists eternally in three persons – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They are co-equal, co-eternal and one God. (**Gen 1:1-3; 26; John 1:1; Matt 3:16-17; Heb. 1:1-3**)

The Person and Work of the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that Jesus Christ came into this world that He might reveal God to men, fulfill prophecy, and become Savior of the lost. (**Phil 2:5-8; Luke 19:10; Matt 5:17-18**)

We further believe that He died on the cross for the sins of the world, was buried and arose from the dead according the scriptures. (**1 Cor. 15:3-4; John 20:20**)

The Scriptures. We believe that all “Scripture is given by inspiration of God” and is designed for our practical instruction. (**2 Timothy 3:16; Rom. 15:4**)

Salvation Only through Jesus Christ. We believe that the new birth of the believer comes only through faith in Christ and not according to any measure of human works, such as confession, baptism, prayer, or faithful service. (**John 3:16-19; Rom. 1:16-17; Eph 2:8-9**).

The Holy Spirit. We believe that the Holy Spirit, indwells in every believer at the moment of conversion and His baptism unites all believers to Christ in one body. There is no subsequent baptism of the spirit. (**John 14:16-17; 16:7-15; Eph. 4:4-6; 30**)

Eternal Security. We believe that all true believers everywhere, once saved are eternally secure, sealed by the Holy Spirit and shall be kept forever. (**John 5:24; 10:27-30; Eph. 1:13-14**)

The Christian Walk. We believe that we are called to live Holy, empowered by the indwelling Holy Spirit, so that we do not fulfill the lust and desires of the flesh. (**John 14:16-17; 1 Cor. 6:19-20; Gal. 5:16-23**)

The Christian's Service. We believe that all believers are endowed with one gift. While there is a diversity of gifts, each believer is energized by the same Spirit, and each is called to utilize their gift to serve faithfully and glorify God. (**1 Peter 4:10; Eph. 4:11; 1 Cor. 12:4-11 Rom 12:6**)

Membership

Membership is available to anyone who has placed their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and is the only Provision given for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

The general responsibilities to be considered an active member in good standing in this church, are the following:

- Members regularly and consistently give, serve, grow, and support the activities of this Church.
- Members **must** serve in at least one ministry area.
- Members are advised to participate in at least 2 of the 3 annual Life Group sessions.

Management of the Church

Board of Elders

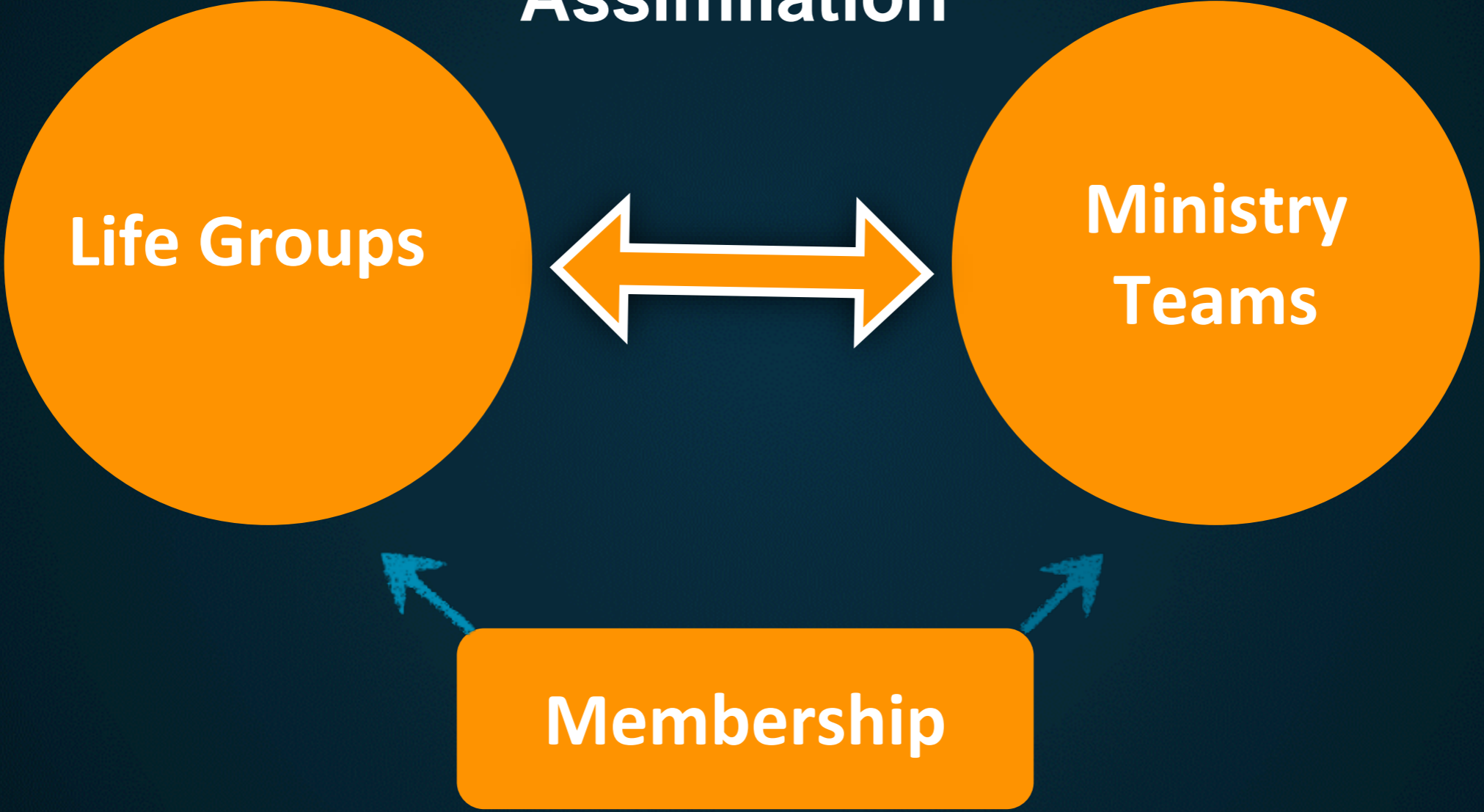
The power to manage and govern the overall business, policy and spiritual affairs of the Church is vested in a group of godly, mutually submissive men of equal authority call the Board of Elders.

The Board of Elders at New Life Fellowship

- Have been found to possess the qualifications as found in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1
- Shall by consist of no less than 3 and no more than 15, serving up to 5 consecutive years
- The Senior Pastor serves as the Chairman of the Board of Elders

These and all other governing ordinances can be found in New Life Fellowship's By-Laws, located at the back of this membership packet

Assimilation



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SPIRITUAL GIFTS ASSESSMENT

We are created by God to love and serve Him, as well as other people. How we individually accomplish this purpose may look different from person to person based on the gifts and abilities God has given us. To help you better understand the spiritual gift(s) that God has given you, we have made available an online spiritual gifts assessment. To access this assessment go to

<https://spiritualgiftstest.com/spiritual-gifts-test-adult-version/>

and follow the instructions.

SESSION 2



SALVATION

The Need for Salvation

1. What does the Bible say about humanity's spiritual condition:
 - a. Romans 3:9 _____
 - b. Romans 3:10 _____
 - c. Romans 3:11 _____
 - d. Romans 3:23 _____
 - e. Ephesians 2:1 _____
2. What is the consequence of sin:
 - a. Genesis 2:17; Romans 6:23 _____
 - b. Isaiah 59:1-2 _____

The Provision of Salvation

1. What is the gift of God? _____
(Romans 6:23)
 - a. What does "a gift" generally mean?

 - b. What does the gift of God mean for "sinners?"

2. What is the role of Jesus as the provision of salvation (1 Corinthians 15:3)?
3. What made Jesus qualified to be the provision for our salvation (2 Corinthians 5:21)?

The Process of Salvation

1. What must a person do to become a Christian (Romans 10:9):
 - a. _____ in your heart
 - b. _____ died for our sins and was raised from the dead
 - c. Then you will be _____.
2. To sum it up, Ephesians 2:8-9 says: We are _____ by _____ through _____ and not according to _____.



"Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart"

-Acts 2:46

Life Groups

The Philosophy of Life Groups

Life Groups serve as a weekly gathering of individuals for the purpose of connecting to form friendships, caring for one another, growing spiritually, and contributing to the ministry of the church. Groups will meet for approximately 12 weeks at a time (3 sessions per calendar year). In Life Groups, individuals can discover and develop their spiritual gifts, meet needs, heal the hurts, kindle hope, and build their faith. Our Life Groups provide the infrastructure for Christians to grow, be nurtured, develop leadership, and extend the kingdom of God.

NLF's Life Groups embrace the **'The Church of Small Group'** as a model. Life Groups are NOT merely just another thing that we do. Life Groups are what we are. Virtually all of our ministries operate through a small group environment. Essentially, the purpose of the Life Groups is to build the church as a community. Our model sees the larger community as a network of small communities that develop people in Christ. Therefore, our Life Group concept penetrates EVERY area of the church.

The Bible places an emphasis on 'fellowship'. God did not create us to live life alone. We were created for relationship (Gen. 2:18). A community is the gathering of people with a shared common experience and or interest. The Christian community is extremely important as it relates to the 2 primary functions of the church (evangelism & growth). We are united by our faith in Jesus Christ and to others who also have placed their trust in Jesus Christ. The element that ties these 2 areas together is called 'fellowship' (1John 1:1-4) So the Christian community can be defined as:

"What God has called the church to be. Building relational, transforming gatherings, where people are experiencing oneness with God and oneness with one another. An assembly that is so satisfying, so unique, and so compelling that they create a thirst to a watching world" [Andy Stanley]

What is a Life Group?

Life Groups exists to provide opportunities for individuals to connect with others, through common areas of interests, with the overall goal of transforming the way people think, behave, and relate to others, thereby becoming true followers of Jesus Christ.

A Life Group is a gathering of people with a commonality. The various groups are formed out of similar interests, the same season of life, and or a spiritual growth pursuit. So, within these areas, our life groups focus on creative and engaging ways for our members to:

- Come to Love Christ
- Learning the Bible
- Learning to live out the Scriptures
- Addressing stronghold while Pursuing holiness
- Serving their community
- Witnessing to their neighbors
- Being known and loved, within the context of community

Life Groups are:

A means by which individuals can CONNECT with one another

A place where CHRIST-LIKE development can occur through spiritual growth

An opportunity to CARE and to be CARED by one another

A means for CONSISTENT accountability

Life Groups are NOT:

A CLIQUE--- Life Groups are a diverse group of people who gather together around common interests and welcome others to participate.

A CLASS--- Life Groups meet in relaxed environments for the purpose of sharing and growing together.

A CLUB--- No matter who you are, you are special, and you won't stand alone. Everyone is welcomed and has a 'seat at the table'

A COUNSELING Group--- When issues are shared, Life Groups offer Scripture, Prayer, and Support.

“They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”

[Acts 2:42]

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NEXT STEPS**

New members are presented to the church and given the right hand of fellowship.

Your Right Hand of Fellowship Date is: _____

RIGHT NOW MEDIA

Right Now Media is a video resource library containing over 15,000 Bible Studies. NLF gives this resource to our members as a free gift to help equip them for ministry and to live a Christ-like life.

To access Right Now Media go to <https://www.rightnow.org/Account/Invite/nlf>



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www.nlifefellowship.org

WORSHIP EXPERIENCE INFORMATION

Saturday

6:00pm-7:00pm

Sunday

8:30am to 9:30am

10:00am to 11:15am

11:45am to 1:00pm



KIDZLIFE (CHILDREN):

Saturday

6:00p-7:00pm

Sunday

8:30am to 9:30am

10:00am to 11:15am

11:45am to 1:00pm

Kidzlife includes ages Infants through 6th grade.
Kidzlife check-in begins 30 minutes before each service.

Youth Ministry

Sunday

8:30am to 9:30am -High School

10:00am to 11:15am – Middle School (7th and 8th grade)

11:45am to 1:00pm – High School

Wednesday

KICKBACK

7:00pm-8:15pm