



One of our goals at Gateway is to move people from “**Rows to Circles**.” It can be impossible to truly connect on a Sunday morning in a room full of people. However, we desire all of our people to be connected to **a Group that meets on a regular basis and provides a space for each person to Experience Community. Each Group is committed to Encountering Jesus in the truth of Scripture, Engaging in prayer together, and helping each other to Embrace the Mission that each of us has been called to pursue.**

This **Groups Guide** is for all Groups to utilize even if yours is studying something other than the Sunday Conversation. Additional resources are provided weekly to allow for Groups to connect through **prayer, worship,**

discipleship, service, and fellowship. Leaders are encouraged to implement these elements in any order and to feel free to make substitutions or additions.

PRAYER: Continuing the conversation God already started

- Group Leader or group member can open in prayer &/or group members can share praises or how they need prayer and then group members can pray together
- If leading prayer is an area of uncertainty, read a verse/passage (such as Acts 4:34-25 [657 NLT / 765 NVI]; 1 John 3:17-18 [744 NLT / 861 NVI]; Luke 10:25,27 [623 NLT / 725 NVI]) and play some background music for a couple minutes while praying silently and meditating on the verses read (instrumental worship: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mRLs5xTneQ>)

WORSHIP: With all we are and all we've been given

- Consider playing 1-2 of these songs from the weekend and sing along (even if it's a joyful noise!), or worship through meditating on the lyrics as you listen:
 - By the Grace of God: <https://youtu.be/U8YbYm5eqMI>
 - World Needs Jesus: https://youtu.be/Sk6_d-5beTM
- Online giving: <https://gtwy.life/giving>
- Financial Peace/Ramsey+ Resources: <https://gtwy.life/ramseyplus>

FELLOWSHIP: Doing life together

- To learn about other ways to connect and other next steps: <https://gtwy.life/connect>
- Anyone have a tangible need the group can help support? Meal Train/Take Them a Meal, childcare swap, home project that needs extra hands/expertise, etc
- Anyone have activities this week where group members can show up to support? i.e. kid activities (sports, music, etc), birthdays, etc.

SERVICE: Individually and as a Group

- Ask “How did you see God show up as you served this past week?” (through your ministry at church and outside of church)
- **Last weekend, Gateway moved to offering 3 weekend experiences (Sundays at 8:30, 10, 11:30);** There is a need for additional volunteers in all areas - please consider how you can volunteer if you're not already involved in a ministry at Gateway
- Information on getting involved in serving: <https://gtwy.life/get-involved>
- Ask “Where should we serve next as a Group?”

DISCIPLESHIP: Lives Transformed Daily by the Gospel

- Suggestions for personal or family study:
 - **Free** Right Now Media account (Video Bible Study Online Library): <https://gtwy.life/resources>
 - GTWY Messages Archive: <https://gtwy.church/message-archive/>
 - The Life You Long For (Christy Nockels): <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/465906>
 - The Power of Knowing God (Tony Evans): <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/387039>
 - New Morning Mercies daily devotional (Paul David Tripp): <https://tinyurl.com/GospelDevotional>
 - With Kids/Students - Not a Fan (Teen Edition): <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/187042>
 - With Kids - Night Owls & Early Birds: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/KidsShow/321018>

- **Diving In** to this Week's Conversation: *Asking open ended questions or phrases that prompt group members to go deeper is encouraged* - "How do you see _____ showing up in your life?" "Tell us more about that." "Keep going with that." "What does that show us about Jesus?" etc.
 - What stood out to you from the weekend conversation? Did anything confuse you? Convict you? Encourage you?
 - Who are you going to add to my 'Target Three'?
 - How will you create space to journey with my new 'friends/neighbors'?
 - How will you overcome my fear of sharing my faith? What is my plan to share my faith?

To submit a prayer request, connect in additional ways, view upcoming events, access additional discipleship resources and more, visit <https://gtwy.life/>.

