



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 can open in prayer and open for others to pray as well.
- If leading prayer is an area of uncertainty, read a verse/passage (such as Ephesians 2:8) and play some background music for a couple of minutes while praying silently and meditating on the verses read (instrumental worship: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mRLs5xTrneQ>)

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

- Offer info on **baptism** (held monthly): <https://gtwy.life/get-baptized>
- Offer info on **Family Dedication**: <https://gtwy.life/family-dedication>
- Ask group members, “Where have you seen God working this past week in your life and the lives of others?” Continue this attitude of praise and openness to the transforming power of the Gospel and movement of the Spirit through believers as you sing or meditate on the truth in these songs or in your group’s unique worship time.
- 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:
  - Great Things: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y4CY3nf1Mvw>
  - Almighty God: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=87rKSpSM8-Y>
  - So Will I (100 Billion X): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fyYn21RdBBQ>
  - No Longer Slaves: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f8TkUMJtK5k>
- Online giving: <https://gtwy.life/giving>
- Financial Peace/Ramsey+ Resources: <https://gtwy.life/ramseyplus>
- **Family Dedication** happening next on November 6: <https://gtwy.life/family-dedication>

### **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, doctor appointments, funerals, etc.
- Register to attend **Fall Fest** on October 23 4-6:30pm: <https://gtwy.life/fallfest>
- **Marriage Conference** November 5-6 in New Holland: <https://gtwy.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1026274>

- Register to attend the first **Unity Table** dinner (food, conversation, history, fellowship): <https://gtwy.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1041941>
- DEVELOP Leadership Seminar November 17: <https://gtwy.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1042588>

### **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)
- Consider volunteering at the upcoming **Fall Fest** (October 23 4-6:30pm): <https://gtwy.life/fallfest>
- **GTWY offers 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 GTWY: <https://gtwy.life/get-involved>
- Monthly 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/>
  - How to Read Your Bible: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/470845>
  - Prayer (Matt Chandler): <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/1215>
  - Goliath Must Fall (for Students ages 8-12) (Louie Giglio): <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/475905>
  - Prayer: Student/Teen Edition (Francis Chan): <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/1231>
  - Emily the Elephant Show (for preschool & elementary kids): <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/KidsShow/499338?episode=1>
- **Diving In** to this Week’s Conversation: *Ask 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.” “What does that show us about Jesus?” “What should our response be?” etc.*
  - What stood out to you from the weekend conversation? Did anything confuse you? Convict you? Encourage you?
  - Why does CONFESSION not create a relationship with God? [What does?]
  - How does CONFESSION nourish a relationship with God? Is this easy or hard for you to do? [Explain]
  - Jon talked about the “high cost of getting even.” What do the following Scriptures tell us about this? Matthew 18:21-35, Galatians 5:14-15
  - Read Luke 6:37-38:
    - What does this text tell us to AVOID?
    - What does this text tell us to DO?
    - What is the result of our obedience, and our disobedience?

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

