



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 Galatians 5:22-23) 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

- 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:
 - I Stand Amazed: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ue8ZCAc9xQ8>
 - Almighty God: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dqG0i_PbAIM
 - O Praise the Name: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LqBpifDpNKc>
 - Here's My Heart: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WTDODA-1IsE>
- 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.
- Discovery Groups Announcement: <https://gtwy.life/discovery-groups>
- Next **Partnership Path Step 1** (July 11) - more info & sign up here: <https://gtwy.life/step1>
- **Camp Good News at GTWY** (for students who completed grades 2-7): <https://gtwy.life/camp-good-news>

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)
- **Gateway has 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/>
 - Jesus in All of Matthew: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/494231>
 - The Power of Knowing God (Tony Evans): <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/387039>
 - The Life You Long For (Christy Knockles): <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/465906>
 - Different by Jonathan Evans (for Teens/Students): <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/187042>
 - With Kids - Night Owls & Early Birds: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/KidsShow/321018>
- **Dividing 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?
 - Discuss the “contradiction” of these verses: Matthew 5:16 and Matthew 6:1 and how it relates to the quote from A.B. Bruce, “We are to show when tempted to hide and hide when tempted to show.” How do we show generosity with boldness but resist hypocrisy?
 - Discuss what these principles could look like in real life:
 - Intentionality is required
 - Hypocrisy is natural
 - Giving is assumed
 - Reward is promised
 - “What you do, how you do it, and why you do it matters.” How should our knowledge of Christ, acceptance of Christ as Savior, and transformation through Christ show up in the what, how, and why in everyday life?

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

