



NHLV LIFE GROUP FAQ's

What is the purpose of a Life Group?

The purpose of Life Groups is to help you grow in your faith through building community, pursuing intentional growth, and serving like Jesus. We passionately believe the mission of the church is to make disciples (Matthew 28). These groups, by God's grace, will seek to help you grow in your love for Jesus, in your following of Him, and in your journey towards becoming a fully devoted disciple.

What are the core values of Life Groups?

Life Groups have 3 core values – growth, community and service. We desire these groups to encourage spiritual growth, build authentic community and encourage regular service.

How often do Life Groups meet?

There are a variety of Life Groups, some meet weekly or twice a month for about 2 hours.

Why so frequent?

Meeting consistently allows groups to develop in three main areas: (1) Intentional discipleship – this is hard if a group meets less than twice per month. (2) Authentic community – by meeting regularly the potential of authentic community increases within a Life Group. (3) Regular Service – each group will facilitate roles and encourage service. We believe meeting regularly grows discipleship, community and service.

What if I can't commit to meeting on a regular basis?

There are many wonderful opportunities for you to connect in community within New Hope Las Vegas that meet sporadically and have less of a time commitment than Life Groups. However, we truly believe those who wish to be part of a Life Group and pursue spiritual growth in this way should be able to meet at least twice per month so that intentional discipleship, authentic community and regular service really can take place. If you feel you cannot commit to meeting twice per month within a Life Group at this stage please pass up the opportunity to sign up for a Life Group at this stage and instead enjoy the many other wonderful opportunities to build community within our church. Maybe down the line if your schedule allows, you may be able to join new Life Groups, which we hope will be starting each year.

How many are in a Life Group?

Groups contain 8-10 people max. including one leader and/or one co-leader.

How many years do Life Groups meet for?

Life Groups typically will last for 1-2 years. At the end of that period the group will consider what is the best next step. At that stage, group members will be encouraged to consider starting new groups which include new people and spread the impact of Life Groups in New Hope Las Vegas and the community.

What does a typical Life Group evening look like?

Life Groups discuss the Life Group questions regarding the sermon of the week. In its simplest form a typical Life Group evening will run for about 2 hours and will include 20-30 minutes of enjoying community, 1 hour of discussion, and 20-30 minutes of prayer. A number of times each term the group may enjoy social evenings. Once per term each group will be encouraged to serve in some way through an Act of Kindness.

Where will groups meet?

Groups typically meet in the home of the Life Group leader. Some groups may also rotate around group members homes should they wish to do so.

How can I sign up for a group?

Visit the Connections Counter in the foyer of New Hope Las Vegas, fill in a Life Group postcard, and return it to the Connections Counter – it will be given to the Life Group Director and he will contact you.

What commitment do I need to sign up for a group?

You will need to be able to commit to: Meet weekly or twice per month; Come to each session ready to love others, listen to others and learn from others; Engage in personal prayer and Life Group questions between group sessions.