

# Get Connected



Join a Life Group Today!!!...

## ***What is Life Group?***

Life Group is a home fellowship system made up of 10-12 people who meet weekly for an hour and half to share, study, and support each other. Life Groups are model after the practice of the early followers of Christ. Acts 2:42 "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayer".

## ***Why are Life Groups important?***

Because we believe that God created us to be in relationship—with Him and with one another. Here at Living Word, this is essential to our mission and the way we live out our faith. Relationships are the hub of our ministry. That is where ministry begins and ultimately grows. Life Groups are catalysts to that process. The goal of Life Groups is two-fold:

- build new relationships
- nurture and strengthen existing relationships

The way we accomplish these two important goals is through learning, laughing and loving.

## ***How do I get into a Life Group?***

You can sign up on-line at [www.livingwordkaty.org](http://www.livingwordkaty.org) or at computers in the lobby after Sunday services.

## ***When and where do Life Groups meet?***

Life Groups will meet on various nights of the week in home around Katy and beyond. Group meeting days and times may vary depending on the preference of group members and leaders.

## ***How long do the Life Groups Run?***

Beginning February 21st, Life Groups will run for ten weeks till the first week of May. Life Groups will break for the summer months and resume in the fall. At the end of each Life Group session, you will have the choice of staying in the same group, trying a new group or even taking a break.

## ***What will we study?***

Most of the studies in the Life Groups will be based on the sermon of the previous Sunday. This is why the emphasis is "sermon-based". Imagine Life Groups as a place where the sermon from the previous week is discussed in detail and applied to real life situations. Participants also have the opportunity to engage each other through scripture, prayer, and stories.

### ***How do I choose a group?***

When selecting a group. We strongly recommend you choose a group based on its leader/host team and station-in-life rather than geography. It has been proven through various studies that groups do best when members share common station-in-life or like affinities. In the end, common passion is usually enough motivation. We feel so strongly about this that the groups we have organized are organized around life stages and passions and NOT geography or location. Below is the listing of groups:

- **High School Boys (Meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. near church)**
- **High School Girls (Meets Wednesdays 7 p.m. near church)**
- **Empty Nesters (couples & singles welcome!) (Meets Sundays at 5 p.m.)**  
Leader: Barbara Stuckey and Dick Caldwell
- **Empty Nesters/Married/Hunters (Meeting time to be determined) Leader: Pete Wardenburg**
- **The Young and the Restless: ages 24-40 with no children (Meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m.) Leaders: Leigh Colonna and Noel Kahl**
- **Open to All (Meets at the church on Thursdays at 7 p.m.) Leader: Russ Kassin**
- **Open to All (Meets at the church on Sundays at 9:40 a.m.) Leaders: Rick and Brenda Williams**
- **Cool Moms on Mondays (Meets Mondays at lunch) Leader: Cathy Berner**
- **Friends You Haven't Met Yet: Chance to Build New Relationships (Meets Thursdays at 7 p.m.) Hosts: Daren and Lisa Beudo, Leaders: Tom and Dora Daniluk**
- **One Pass Group Travelers a/k/a Bargain Hunter Travelers (Meeting time to be determined) Leader: Marian Smith**
- **Fans of Saddleback (Meets Sundays at 6:30 p.m.) Leaders: Bob and Kathy Patton**
- **Parents of Teenagers (Meeting time to be determined) Leaders: Aaron Hoefler and Kelly Crain-Hoefler**
- **Dog Lovers (Meets Sundays at 4 p.m. at Old Katy Dog Park between the Library and the Police Station. Leaders: Dave and Jean Huntington**
- **Sugarland with Kids (Meeting time to be determined) Leaders: Bret and Shellie Miller**

#### **Groups that are currently filled:**

- **Parents of Small Children Leaders: Holly Black and Natalie Howell**
- **Open to All Leaders: Doug and Donna Chester**
- **Parents of Teens Leaders: Bob and Sue Schneider**
- **Empty Nesters Leaders: Craig and Bev Stichtenoth**

### ***What is required of me?***

Show up, show up, and show up!

### ***What are the benefits?***

- Being a part of a stronger, more engaged network of people who will care for and pray for you.
- Spiritual growth
- Sharing and caring
- Discovering gifts and talents

For more information on discovering your gifts & talents, we encourage you to go to:

<http://archive.elca.org/evangelizingchurch/assessments/spiritgifts.html> It takes about 10 minutes & automatically tabulates your answers to help you identify your dominant gifts.