



# LIFE Group DNA

## Group PURPOSE:

1. To bring God glory through the uniting & unifying of His BRIDGE family, through the cross pollinating and deepening discussions and prayers that are centered on the Word of God (His name is Jesus), more specifically, the previous Sunday's sermon & its applied Scriptures.
2. To nurture, cultivate, and strengthen God-honoring koinonia (supernatural, loving-oneness) and homothoomadon (a singular, riotous passion for a shared, biblical & missional purpose) within the BRIDGE family.
3. To offer an evangelistic environment that is both authentic & inviting to lost people whom the Lord may be drawing. Our LIFE Groups are intentionally designed to be a potential "on ramp" to our Christ and to our church.

4. To witness & worship as LIFE Groups who prioritize truthing, loving, sharing, growing, praying, and BE-ing together, on mission, to the glory of God.

## Group METHODOLOGY:

- We designate approximately 90 minutes for each gathering... typically 7pm to 8:30pm EST (or whenever fits the group best).
- **Our LIFE Groups are built on the Christian platforms and biblical principles of truth, love, Scripture, honesty, Christ-likeness, trust, and transparency... all in the intentional context of discipleship.**
- Each group's designated leader/facilitator will focus on:
  - **Maintaining & growing a healthy, personal walk & witness**
  - **Knowing the sermon well enough to facilitate conversation**
  - **Committing to the group and its times together**
  - **Loving (truly loving) the group's members & guests**
  - **Praying for the group & its members throughout the week**
  - **Opening the group with genuine warmth and biblical prayer**
  - **Creating & maintaining a God-honoring, group atmosphere**
  - **Cultivating "quilt-like" (unified-diversity) cross-pollinating**
  - **Maintaining the group's Christ-like focus & mission**
  - **Nurturing & challenging the group's members as needed**
  - **Facilitating respectful empathy & sharing within the group**
  - **Timeliness & transitioning from the group's start to finish**
  - **Collecting prayer requests & sharing them with the church**
  - **Closing each group with loving prayer** (choosing others to pray is ok)

## **Group LEADERSHIP:**

- A. By grace... Love God
- B. By grace... Love people
- C. By grace... Serve the world
- D. Meet with Pastor Jeff for missional equipping & situational help.