



# LIFE GROUP MEETING LAUNCH DAY

## GOALS FOR THE FIRST MEETING

- Meeting new LG members / Building relationships
- Clarify what a LG is / expectations / commitments
- Pray for LG members / for the spiritual growth of the group

## LEADERSHIP TIPS

- 1: Never underestimate the significance of the time after the meeting where deep conversations can still happen one on one.
- 2: Use the Agreement form to clarify expectations for your Life Group. Members don't have to sign on the first day. (In fact, give them 2-3 weeks to think about it.)

## WARM-UP

1. Welcome everyone.
2. Everyone opens the following link on their phones: <https://anthology.study/story-cards>
3. Choose a picture that speaks to you the most in terms of how you feel about your life right now. Share with your group why you chose that picture.
4. Why did you join this LG? What are your expectations, hopes, etc.?

## WORD

What is a Life Group? It's a group in Vidapasionada (like ours here) where members grow in their relationship with God, with other LG members and with people that are yet to know Jesus.

In our Life Groups we encourage maturity and personal growth through meaningful Christian relationships and the study of God's Word (see Romans 8:29).

Our LG has four parts:

**WARM-UP:** Each week we'll take time to share what is happening in our lives. At first, this sharing will include planned "Warm-up Questions," but after the first few weeks, it will become more informal & personal as we feel more comfortable with one another.

**WORD:** Each week we'll study a section from God's Word that relates to the previous Sunday's preaching or an appropriate personal growth topic. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Christianity in everyday life (not to necessarily answer all the questions).

**APPLICATION:** Each week we'll learn how to put God's Word into practice.

We also want to take care of one another as Christ commanded in John 15:9-13.

This care can take many forms, such as prayer, encouragement, listening, challenging one another and meeting real needs.

**PRAYER:** Praying together / for one another is most powerful. Jesus Himself said:

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

(Matthew 18:20 ESV) You are encouraged to not only share your prayer requests but also share testimonies of how God has answered our prayers in the course of this Life Group.

## APPLICATION

Go through the Agreement Form together as a group and (let them) sign it if you are ready to commit. (Respect each person's decision. Some might not want to sign on the first day, others might never want to commit...)

**IMPORTANT** to explain to your LG members **AS YOU GO THROUGH THE AGREEMENT FORM:**

For our Life Group to be healthy, we need to...

1. Make spiritual growth our number one priority (see again Romans 8:29).
2. Accept one another (see Romans 15:7).
  - ▶ We will have different opinions, and that's ok.
3. Take care of one another (see John 13:34). ▶ When a crisis happens, we're there to help with support, prayer, encouragement, listening, meals etc.
4. Treat each other with respect (see Ephesians 4:25-5:2). Listening to one another: if a person is talking, let's all listen! Our goal is to listen, not give advice. (Advice is given when asked for!) We are not here to judge or fix - unless someone asks. Let's always be considerate and allow for everyone (not just one or two people) to talk. Let's build one another up! (No put-downs.) What is said here, stays here - of course we never promise confidentiality if something shared would be harmful to yourself or someone else and/or if I, as the leader, need to seek counsel on how to respond to an issue in the group.
5. Keep our commitments to the group (Psalm 15:1-2, 4b).
  - ▶ Please give us a call or text if you can't make it to Life Group, so we know what's going on and how to pray for you.

## PRAYER

Dedicate this new LG season and all the members of your LG to God.

Pray for one another's needs.