



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 can open in prayer and open for others to pray as well.
- If leading prayer is an area of uncertainty, read a verse/passage (such as Isaiah 53) and play some background music for a couple of minutes while praying silently and meditating on the verses read (use an instrumental worship playlist from YouTube or Spotify)

### **WORSHIP: With all we are and all we've been given**

- Offer info on **baptism** (held monthly): <https://gtwy.life/get-baptized>
- Offer info on **Family Dedication**: <https://gtwy.life/family-dedication>
- Online giving: <https://gtwy.life/giving>
- Ask group members, “Where have you seen God working this past week in your life and the lives of others?” Continue this attitude of praise and openness to the transforming power of the Gospel and movement of the Spirit through believers as you sing or meditate on the truth in these songs or in your group’s unique worship time.
- Consider playing a few of these songs from the weekend and sing along, or worship through meditating on the lyrics as you listen:
  - Glorious Day: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gkJJ2XZwDHc>
  - What a Beautiful Name: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r5L6QIAH3L4>
  - Only King Forever: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ypYVY3YSARc>
  - Give me Jesus: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=exSCh24FPIk>

### **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, doctor appointments, funerals, etc
- **Interested in Partnership?** Visit here: <https://gtwy.life/partnership>

### **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)

- **GTWY offers 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 GTWY: <https://gtwy.life/get-involved>
- Monthly 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/>
  - One Minute Apologetics: <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/459290>
  - Talking with your kids about Jesus: <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/493404>
  - What's in the Bible: <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/1>
- **Diving In** to this Week's Conversation: *Ask 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." "What does that show us about Jesus?" "What should our response be?" etc.
  - How was doubting (related to faith) received in your upbringing? What is your personal reaction when doubts surface? How does this "Skeptical" series impact your previous beliefs and experiences with personal spiritual skepticism and doubt?
  - Discuss as a group the "proofs" of Jesus' life from outside of Scripture. How could these influence your future conversations with unbelievers.
  - As a group, discuss these statements: Jesus said, "I am the..."
    - Bread of Life John 6:35,41,48,51
    - Light of the World John 8:12
    - Door John 10:7,9
    - Good Shepherd John 10:11,14
    - Resurrection and the Life John 11:25
    - Way, Truth, and Life John 14:6
    - True Vine John 15:1,5
  - If Jesus was...And if He is who He says He was...Then - Who is He to me?...And then - How will I respond?

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

