



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 John 16:33) 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:
 - Grateful: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s7eVr-OUYkQ>
 - Your Love Never Fails: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hShc-4NzObg>
 - The Lion & the Lamb: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rT-HulZ6TQA>

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.
 - All powerpoints and other resources related to the **Skeptical** series are found at: <https://gtwy.life/skeptical>
 - How did this message help, hurt, or hinder your understanding of why a loving God would allow evil to happen?
 - Pastor Tony utilized a head (intellectual), heart (spiritual), hands (practical) framework. Which section appealed to you most? Why?
 - The Conclusion of the Amended Intellectual argument states: "Therefore, if there is an all-powerful God that is all-good, then evil is an illogical possibility to prevent and/or He has a good (morally sufficient) reason to allow it." Did the breakdown of these two ideas appease your ability to hold the reality of evil with an all-loving and all-powerful God?
 - How have you seen God take evil and turn it into redemptive good (Genesis 50:20)?
 - Evil is still evil and therefore there is still pain, hurt, frustration, and tears. What does it look like to mourn in our humanity, while hope in our eternal glory (2 Cor. 4:16-17)?

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

