



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 a Psalm of your choice) 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 (Next Night of Worship - May 7 @ 6:30pm): <https://gtwy.life/baptism>
- 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:
  - Solid Rock: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WoPcyr2oYhg>
  - How Great Thou Art: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dje23bXe4A0>
  - Nothing But The Blood: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRzMbIED\\_5U](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRzMbIED_5U)
  - Jesus Paid It All: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-rtQ13XIDJ0>

### [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
- Meet the Pastors: <https://gtwy.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1528923>
- Interested in Partnership? Visit here: <https://gtwy.life/partnership>
- Partnership Path Step 2: <https://gtwy.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1485170>

## 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 gatherings (Sundays at 8:30, 10, 11:30) - There is a need for additional volunteers to serve 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/>
  - Adult - Unshakable Hope (Max Lucado): <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/401999>
  - Kids & Family - Adventures in Odyssey: <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/9>
- **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.
  - Visit the Message Archive here: <https://gtwy.church/message-archive/>
  - Forward the link to the past week's devo guide to group members in advance: <https://form.church/KarWJlor>
  - Read Luke 5:33-39
  - What jumped out to you from this week's devotional guide?
  - What's wrong with putting new wine into old wine skins (vs. 37-38)
  - What “old ways” have given up in your walk with Christ that you sometimes find yourself falling back into? After sharing, take time right then to pray about what was shared.
  - Are there people in your life who are like the Pharisees and think their ways are better than the ways of the new covenant of grace by faith? How can you reach them and share the liberating truth of the new covenant? How have you been like the Pharisees?
  - How does the concept of new wine in old wine skins relate to your faith/belief?
  - How comfortable do you feel or what's your reaction to the idea that questioning and examining our faith and our motives is necessary?
  - Is there anything you've been questioning but haven't voiced it? If comfortable, let the group know your question as you examine your beliefs.

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