

Week 0:

Intro

0-5 mins	Check in, get books, head to large group equipping (Fig: Elementary Building, Clovis: Room 250/251) Home Groups reach out ahead of time and let your group know when/where to meet. They'll get their books at your house the first night. Please let them know to bring a Show & Share item as well.
5-25 mins	Large Group Teaching *Home Groups, you'll watch this together to start your time. It covers p.9-11) Home Groups Large Group Teaching
5 mins	Transition to life group time in rooms
25-40 mins	Leaders Introduce Themselves, answer questions below Group Intro (Each person share answers below 2-3 mins) -Tell us a little bit about you, what's daily life like for you? -What made you sign up? -What are your hopes for this experience? *If your group has been meeting for a while, you can use the intro question from the life group guide here instead of the "get to know you" questions above. Life Group Guide (Week 0: Foundations)
30 mins	Show & Share -Each person share about a significant item they brought or have a picture of on their phone and why it's meaningful
5-10 mins	Group Covenant & Commitment (p.12) Read aloud and have group members sign Discuss how you'll contact each other (group text, email, app, etc)
Wrap-Up	Any questions or information you need to share - Leaders Shares Your 3mn Story as an example
Prayer	Leaders pray for group

Week 1:

Embracing the Gospel [At a Point in Time]

5 mins	Welcome & Greet Review Foundations Covenant (p.12) Pray to open your time as a group
20-25 mins	Intro Questions (Start group time reminding to keep sharing to 2-3 minutes at a time. Ask group to be mindful that we want all to feel heard and share, give others a chance to respond, etc) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What was it like to go through the curriculum this week?• What was enjoyable or new? What was a struggle?• Whether you heard the Gospel for the first time or may have heard it before, how did it impact you to hear the Good News of Christ this week and His invitation to trust Him as Savior and Lord of your life?
Curriculum 45-75 mins	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What was most meaningful to you this week as you did week 1 homework? (Have each person share 2-3 minutes)• Day 1: Pick 1-2 reflection questions on p.16 to ask the group. Have 2-3 people share a response for each question.• Day 2: What was most meaningful to you as you studied why the Bible is reliable? Ask reflection question #3 on p.20• Day 3: Have someone read the last paragraph on p.21. Read reflection question #3 on p.22, have a few members respond.• Day 4: Read reflection questions #3 on p.27, have 3-4 people respond. Read reflection question #4 on p.27, if time permits, have each person share 1-2 minute response.• Day 5: Take time in your group to really clarify and articulate the gospel. Give time for questions, the Spirit to move, pray if someone is ready to embrace the gospel! Have 3-4 people share what they journaled from the reflection on p.34.• Day 6: Have members share quickly around the group their 3 biggest takeaways. And any responses to final reflection question on p.35
10 mins	Index Cards: Pass out cards to your group to write a prayer request and contact info. Swap cards to pray for someone during the week and reach out.
5 mins	Wrap Up Any questions or information you need to share Leaders close in prayer

Week 2:

Embracing the Gospel [Over Time]

5 mins	Welcome & Greet Pray to open your time as a group
20-25 mins	Intro Questions (Start group time reminding to keep sharing to 2-3 minutes at a time. Ask group to be mindful that we want all to feel heard and share, give others a chance to respond, etc) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What was it like to go through the curriculum this week?• What was most meaningful to you this week as you did week 1 homework? (Have each person share 2-3 minutes)• Was there anything enjoyable? Challenging?
Curriculum 45-75 mins	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Day 1: p.42 #1 & #2• Day 2: p.49 #3• Day 3: Which of the reflection questions most impacted you on p.55 and why? Can you share your response (Have each member share 1 question and 1 min response to the question)• Day 4: p.61 (last question)• Day 5: p.68 #1 & #2• Day 6: Have members share quickly around the group their 3 biggest takeaways.
10 mins	Index Cards: Pass out cards to your group to write a prayer request and contact info. Swap cards to pray for someone during the week and reach out. Ask “What from this week’s content do you need prayer for?”
5 mins	Wrap Up Any questions or information you need to share Leaders close in prayer

**Week 3:
Sharing Your Story**

5-10 mins	Welcome & Greet Pray to open your time as a group
Sharing Stories 60-90 mins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Each group member will share their 3 minute story. Review the sheet we should have prepared as guidelines for what we're sharing (p.86-88) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Who I was before Jesus ○ How I came to know Jesus ○ Who I am now ○ What He is teaching me currently ● After each member shares, set the timer for 2 minutes and have group members respond: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What encouraged you about their story? ○ Call out the work of God ● Spend 1 minute in prayer thanking God for the person who shared. <p>*If you have people in your group who have not embraced the gospel, handle with care. Let them know we're so glad they're here, we'd love to learn more about them. Ask them to share:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What made them sign up for a life group? ● Heritage, high points, hard times ● Have they seen God working in their life? <p>*If your group has already shared stories, share a 3 minute update on what God is currently doing in your life. Use questions from p.87 as a guide.</p> <p>If you finish early, discuss what was meaningful from the message or the curriculum this week.</p>
10 mins	Index Cards: Pass out cards to your group to write a prayer request and contact info. Ask "What from this week's content do you need prayer for? Specifically, do you have any fears or opportunities to share your story this week?" Swap cards to pray for someone during the week and reach out.
5 mins	Wrap Up Any questions or information you need to share Leaders close in prayer Next week reminders: Prayer Experience. We will have the handouts for your group time, but you'll need to remind your group about fasting 24 hours and bringing food to break the fast together. There's a fasting resource in the appendix.

Week 4:

Intentionally Pursuing Community

Purpose	To delight in spending time with the Lord and to believe that He delights in spending time with us.
(0-10 mins)	Welcome and Intro (Group Time) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Everyone meets in room for life group• Leaders explain the purpose of the Prayer Experience<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prayer Experience: to spend time <i>with</i> God and remain open to what He may have for you today.• Give members handout: Prayer Experience
10-15 mins	Centering Ourselves on God and His Word (Group Time: 10 minutes) <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Read the first page out loud to your group. Allow them to settle into a quiet space and give them time to reflect/write down how they are feeling. Encourage them to share honestly with the Lord how they feel about extended time with Him.2. Next, read Psalm 8 out loud, two times, slowly. Ask, “What catches your attention in this passage?”3. Invite everyone to turn to the pages with the names and character of God. As they read over the names, which names/characteristics make them pause and draw them into deeper reflection/praise? <p>Remind the group that what you just did--calling out God’s character--is a part of prayer. We just lived out communal prayer/praise! We prepared our hearts together, centering our minds on the Lord, now we’ll go out to spend time in solitude. Excuse group members to find a place to pray (around campus, the house, outside, neighborhood, etc.)</p>
(45-60 mins)	Time Alone with God (45-60 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Group members can find a quiet space on the property to sit, take a walk, or a mixture of the two• Encourage them to remain open to how this time can be spent with God--there are no “right” ways of doing the Prayer Experience• Remind everyone to return at the time decided<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If your group is 1.5 hours: prayer time is 45 mins• If our group time is 2 hours prayer time is 1 hour
(3 the 0-50 mins)	Break Fast & Debrief Prayer Experience in Community) <p>Return to your group and break the fast with food you brought</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What was it like to fast in preparation for the Prayer Experience?• What did fasting reveal to you about yourself? About God?• How was your time alone with God?• What came up in you during that time?• What was one word to describe your experience today.• Close your time thanking the Lord for today

**Week 5:
Experiencing Ongoing Freedom**

5-10 mins	Welcome & Greet Pray to open your time as a group
10 mins	<p>For this week's group time, if you are a coed group, you'll need to split into men and women. Women stay in the room, men can find a place around campus or another part of the home.</p> <p>Open group time reorienting around the practice of experiencing ongoing freedom. This week we will practice vulnerability and honesty with one another and share some of the ways we are currently struggling with sin & suffering.</p> <p>Reread the covenant on p.12. Remind we are here to create a safe place for people to be honest and come out of hiding. Not to fix, offer solutions, or shut down. Read Romans 8:38-39, remind the group of God's love as we enter in.</p> <p>Start group time individually reflecting on the curriculum, then reading Psalm 139. Quietly, on our own ask the Lord to point out what "grievous way may be in me". Spend a few minutes with the Lord.</p>
60-90 mins Group time of confession	<p>Read James 5:16 as you enter into a time of confession. A reminder we confess to be prayed for. Each person will take a few minutes to share answer to question #1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As you went through the homework or sitting in Psalm 139, what came up? (Give time for confession). <p>If you still have time:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Use questions from p.140-141 take the group deeper if needed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Are there any issues in your life hiding under the table? b. Is there anything you are struggling to feel forgiven for? c. Do you find it difficult to forgive? Is there someone you are struggling to forgive? d. Is there someone you need to make amends with?
10 mins	<p>Index Cards: Pass out cards to your group to write a prayer request and contact info. Ask "What from this week's content or discussion do you need prayer for? Follow up with?"</p> <p>Swap cards to pray for someone during the week and reach out.</p>
5 mins	<p>Wrap Up Any questions or information you need to share Leaders close in prayer</p> <p>Next week's reminders: Panel: Living on Purpose. We will start out with a large group time hearing from a panel of people from our church living on purpose (the first 30 mins will be large group).</p>

Week 6:
Living On Purpose

30 mins	Large Group Panel: All groups will start time together, hearing from a panel on “Living on Purpose”
45-75 mins Group Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Read Ephesians 2:8-10. What from the panel or this week’s homework stood out to you? ● Each person will share their “Uniquely You” chart. Set a timer if needed (5 mins) for each person to share what they discovered and how that might help them discover how and where to serve. Use the charts and lists on p.180 to wrap up how their chart led them to fill out some of the ministries they’re interested in.
10 mins	<p>Index Cards: Pass out cards to your group to write a prayer request and contact info. Ask “What from this week’s content or discussion do you need prayer for? Follow up with?”</p> <p>Swap cards to pray for someone during the week and reach out.</p>
5 mins	<p>Wrap Up</p> <p>Any questions or information you need to share</p> <p>Leaders close in prayer</p> <p>Next week’s reminders: Serve Fresno Saturday 10/21</p>

Week 7:

Serving Faithfully

5-10 mins	Welcome & Greet Pray to open your time as a group
60-90 mins Group Discussion	Take some time as a group to discuss Serve Fresno (coming up on 10/21). Have you decided on a project? Need to share any details? Sign up or register? https://servefresno.org/ <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What from this week’s message or homework was impactful to you? What was challenging?2. P.185 Reread Philippians 2:5-8. Answer last 2 questions on pg.1853. P.199 Answer questions #1 & #24. As you reflect on serving the church, city, and world, which of those areas are you currently serving? What are some hesitations or places you might be stuck when it comes to serving in one of those areas?5. P.206 read Matthew 5:16, answer questions #1 & #2
10 mins	Index Cards: Pass out cards to your group to write a prayer request and contact info. Ask “What from this week’s content or discussion do you need prayer for? Follow up with? Swap cards to pray for someone during the week and reach out.
5 mins	Wrap Up Any questions or information you need to share Leaders close in prayer Next week’s reminders: Serve Fresno Saturday 10/21

**Week 8:
Giving Generously**

5-10 mins	Welcome & Greet Pray to open your time as a group
10-20 mins	Debrief your serve experience. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How did you feel leading up to the serve experience? ● What was your experience like? Any fears? Hesitations? Ways God met you? ● What was meaningful to you during this serve time? ● Anything you'd do differently in the future?
60-90 mins Group Discussion	Giving Generously Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reread the theme verse for the week: 1 Timothy 6:17-19 ● What from this week's message or homework was impactful to you? What was challenging? ● P.209 have a few people share their experience/answers to question #1 ● P.214 #1 have 2-3 people answer "how does being a steward shape the way you view your relative wealth?" ● P.215 3-4 people share answers to last question "are there any areas of your life where contentment has been hard to find?" ● From the sermon or day 3, what from the 10-10-80 principle stood out to you? Are there any changes you need to make regarding a budget or debt? Share with the group. If needed read p.227 and answer question at the bottom. ● P.228 From the bottom paragraph and final question, share honestly first with God about giving/tithing. Share with the group some hesitations or frustrations about tithing. ● P.233 question #1. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How can you grow in showing hospitality to others?
10 mins	Index Cards: Pass out cards to your group to write a prayer request and contact info. Ask "What from this week's content or discussion do you need prayer for? Follow up with? Swap cards to pray for someone during the week and reach out.
5 mins	Wrap Up Any questions or information you need to share Leaders close in prayer Next week's reminders: Last week of curriculum. We will discuss "Rule of Life" on p.257

**Week 9:
Celebrating the Work of God**

5-10 mins	Welcome & Greet Pray to open your time as a group
15--30 mins Group Discussion	Reread memory verse: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What from this week’s curriculum or teaching was meaningful to you? • What was challenging for you this week?
60-90 mins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What was significant for you as you considered “training vs. trying” • P.249 #1 & #2 • Spend the majority of the discussion time sharing each group member’s “Rule of Life”. What they hope to implement and what was impactful as they consider living their lives with intention.
10 mins	Index Cards: Pass out cards to your group to write a prayer request and contact info. Ask “What from this week’s content or discussion do you need prayer for? Follow up with? Swap cards to pray for someone during the week and reach out.
5 mins	Wrap Up Any questions or information you need to share Leaders close in prayer Next week’s reminders: We will have a group experience next week of affirmation and communion. We will spend the majority of our group time affirming each person in the group (celebrating and calling out the work of God in their lives) closing with communion.

Week 10:

Group Affirmations & Communion

5-10 mins	Welcome & Greet Pray to open your time as a group
15--30 mins Group Discussion	Check in with Rule of Life from last week. How did everyone do not having a week of curriculum to guide your time with the Lord? What was challenging? Encouraging?
60-90 mins Affirmations	Affirmations: Celebrate the Work of God in one another through affirmation <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Spend time going around and affirming each person in your life group.● Have 3 people share affirmation for each individual (this will help make sure everyone is affirmed and in a timely manner).● Leaders go first, model how to affirm someone and then have a few people share<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ How they've seen God at work in their life○ Ways they've seen them grow○ What they've appreciated about them○ How they've trusted God more, used their gifts, etc.○ Keep affirmation to a few words/sentences.● After each person is affirmed, have them share how that felt. Then have someone pray a blessing over that person.● Once each person in the group has been affirmed, leaders will lead group through communion.
10 mins	Index Cards: Pass out cards to your group to write a prayer request and contact info. Ask "What from this week's content or discussion do you need prayer for? Follow up with? Swap cards to pray for someone during the week and reach out.
5 mins	Wrap Up Any questions or information you need to share Leaders close in prayer Next week's reminders: Celebration! We will gather in the backyard of the Smittcamp House Weds 5/15 6:30-8pm to celebrate the last 11 weeks together. The night will consist of a panel, group reflection experience (led by life group team), closing message, and worship. RSVP on slack if your group is coming.

**Week 11:
Celebration!**

5-10 mins	Dessert & welcome
20-30 mins	Panel <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leaders and group members will share what this experience was like for them
20-30 mins	Group Experience: Rock Reflection <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Life Group Team will lead personal reflection• Each member share their word and what was meaningful in this experience, how their relationship with God grew
10-15 mins	Worship