

A NOTE TO LIFE GROUP HOSTS

LIFE is our acronym for “Living In Faith & Enlightenment”. At Agape, Life Group is how we call our ‘small groups’. *Ideally, a Life Group is composed of not more than 12 people*, it could go more than that, but we are not recommending it. As much as possible, Life Groups must meet once a week at a place that is most convenient for them. Normally, Life Group weekly gatherings last for about two and a half hours. We spend an hour eating together, and then immediately followed by the 90-minute group study. Occasionally, we begin by playing some ice breaker games to make everyone feel comfortable with each other, and then we pray & sing a couple of worship songs to bring everyone’s complete focus and attention to God.

The *video-based study* is designed to be used with a small group of friends at home, at work, or at a church or even just a coffee shops. *If you’re not already in a Life Group, start one of your own! It’s easy and it’s fun!*

How to Start a Life Group

You don’t have to be a teacher. You don’t need any formal training. You don’t even need any experience in a small group. Just keep these four things in mind, and you’ll succeed as a Life Group HOST!

Have a heart for people.

Open your home to a group of friends who want to study with you.

Serve them a snack

Turn on your TV to watch the short video of Pastor Anthony Miranda, they’re available on uTube.

If you can do those four things, you can host a Life Group of your own. All of the materials and instructions you need are provided in this study guide and more resources are always available at Agape Church Online on Facebook. *There’s no experience necessary so enjoy the journey!*

Please don’t feel pressured to discuss every question in every session. There is no need to hurry your way through the material. If your group only has time to talk about what they are learning together from the video lessons, that’s fine. What is important is that your group members have the time to let God work in their lives. *So feel free to select the questions that seem right for your group.*

UNDERSTANDING YOUR STUDY GUIDE

Here is a brief explanation of the features of this study guide.

Catching Up: You will open each meeting by briefly discussing a question or two that will help focus everyone’s attention on the subject of the lesson.

Memory Verse: Each week you will find a key Bible verse for your group to memorize together. If someone in the group has a different translation, ask them to read it aloud so the group can get a bigger picture of the meaning of the passage.

Video Lesson: There is a video lesson for the group to watch together each week. Fill in the blanks in the lesson outlines as you watch the video, and be sure to refer back to these outlines during your discussion time.

Discovery Questions: Each video segment is complemented by several questions for group discussion. Please don’t feel pressured to discuss every single question. There is no reason to rush through the answers. Give everyone ample opportunity to share their thoughts. If you don’t get through all of the discovery questions, that’s okay.

Living on Purpose: We don’t want to be just hearers of the Word. We also need to be doers of the Word. This section of the study contains application exercises that will your group apply the things you are learning. Be sure to leave time each week for this material.

Diving Deeper: This section contains your weekly reading assignment. It also refers you to additional resources that will help you grow deeper in your understanding of the lesson you are studying.

Prayer Direction: At the end of each session you will find suggestions for your group prayer time. Praying together is one of the greatest privileges of life in a small group. Please don’t take it for granted.