



Dear LifeGroup Leader,

How is your Summer? I'd love to hear how your LifeGroup is doing.

As we start looking forward to the Fall, I'd appreciate knowing about where you are in your LifeGroup now. Do you feel stuck? Would you be open to new members? Are you growing? Are you exhausted? Email me and I'd love to set up a time on the phone to talk with you and hear how you're doing.

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God Questions

What is the Biblical world view?

In this 2-part series, Dave addresses commonly asked questions about our faith. From time to time, each of us gets hung up on difficult questions, and it's hard to find answers that help us move forward. In this second part, Dave addresses the worldview inherent in scripture. Too often we miss the forest for the trees. We need to understand the Bible as a grand narrative that communicates God's intention to deliver us. It's a different worldview that is accountable, humble, tangible, imaginative, realistic, graceful, and spiritual.

FOCAL POINT: If the Bible tells a grand narrative of deliverance from evil, then we are invited into this same narrative in our every day lives.



Getting Started

Catch up together about how your week has been, possibly also revisit last week's meeting.

- ▶ Whether it's a bedtime story, a movie, a play, or a book, what kinds of stories do you love? Why? Do you have a favorite?



Exploring Scripture

Read the following passage together.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

- ▶ Where do you hear God's heart in this passage?
- ▶ What words stick out to you?



Reflection

Take time to reflect together about the passage.

- ▶ This passage references the importance of allowing scripture to permeate our lives. It is helpful in that it points us toward the Living God, who dwells with us. How does this align with how you were taught to read the Bible? If you could change how you understood the Bible at a young age, what would you change?



Praxis

With the understanding that we gathered here are the body of Christ, let's allow the truth from today's scripture to impact us as a LifeGroup.

- ▶ Scripture creates a grand narrative that tells us something about the way God works in and through us, even today. This narrative ought to color and give live not only to our reading of scripture, but to our daily lives. Let's do an exercise that will help us to experience this in a new way.
 - ▶ Silently meditate on the story of the Bible. Picture the story of Creation, to what you know about the deliverance of Israel from Egypt, to the Promised Land, to Exile, to waiting for a Messiah, to Jesus and his ministry, to Pentecost, to the story of the Apostles, to the vision of New Creation. Allow these images and stories to marinate in your mind, and let God draw your attention to maybe one theme or characteristic. Let's spend 2 minutes in this space.
 - ▶ With a paper and pen, write a sentence or 2 about the theme or image that comes to your mind about the narrative God is speaking through history. It doesn't need to be perfect or even complete, just trust what comes to mind.
 - ▶ Let's read our reflections aloud together. What do we notice that is similar? What struck you that felt different than your experience?



Moving Outward

Challenge each other to live out God's truth this week.

- ▶ Repeat your written theme before you start your day tomorrow.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.