



Dear LifeGroup Leader,

I want you to keep a date in mind: 8/26/18. It's a Sunday afternoon, and it will be vitally important for the life of our church.

We're planning a church-wide volunteer kick-off. This will be a chance for LifeGroup leaders (among other roles) to come and be energized. Dave will give some teaching, we'll talk together about important aspects of your ministry, and I'd like to say a few words to you as well.

Could I ask a few things of you?

1. Could you plan on being there on 8/26?
2. Could you identify ONE person who you think might be interested in leading a group? We especially need LifeGroup leaders for young families. They don't need to have led before, they just need to be hospitable! Think of ONE person and invite them to come! Your personal invitation could get them involved and provide community for many families who need it!

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## The Heart of Worship

### The Harmonic Heart of Worship

Worship involves much more than singing songs or prayer. Worship, we're told by Paul, involves offering our bodies as "living sacrifices". Larger than any isolated deed, worship involves the intentional act of living a life with divine purpose. Brian and Wendy Green's story teaches us about the power of harmony in worship. When we listen and blend with each other, we not only create peace, but meaning. Worship involves our ability to create harmony with others around us.

**FOCAL POINT:** Worship isn't just an individual act, it involves creating harmony and meaning with others.



### Getting Started

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

- ▶ Have you ever played an instrument? What was the most fun thing about it? What was the hardest part?



### Exploring Scripture

Read the following passage together.

Romans 12:14-16

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



## Reflection

Take time to reflect together about the passage.

- ▶ While it sounds simple to rejoice with those who rejoice, mourn with those who mourn, what can actually be difficult about these things? Can you think of a time when it was difficult for you to rejoice or mourn with someone?
- ▶ Living in harmony is easier said than done, and sometimes certain contexts or practices can help us to get along well with those closest to us. What helps you to get along better with those closest to you?



## 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.

- ▶ One thing that helps bind people together in harmony is quality time together, simply enjoying each other's company. Take a break tonight and play a game together. Get out a board game, a deck of cards, charades, or even go out together for a walk or dessert!



## Moving Outward

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

- ▶ Have you ever thought about leading your own LifeGroup? Come to "Imagine Volunteering" on Sunday, 8/26, 12:45 for lunch, training, and get a sense of how easy it is to start your own group. Part of the purpose of LifeGroups is to continue to grow and open ourselves up to new communities. Come and get a sense of whether this would be right for you!

## Romans 12:14-16

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Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.