

# WORLD'S **BEST** LIFE GROUP LEADER



## THE PURPOSE OF LIFE GROUPS

Help students EXPERIENCE Jesus Christ, His Kingdom, and the 5 biblical purposes.

### **BEING THOUGHTFUL ABOUT OUR AUDIENCE**

#### **SIMPLE IS GOOD**

Use simple language, so that their mental energy can be used to understand the concept vs. trying to figure out vocabulary. It also means that instructions need to be simple and clear if you hope to be heard.

#### **THEY ARE DIGITAL NATIVES**

- Technology should be looked at as a strength...not a weakness or a distraction. We should leverage technology, seeing it as an asset to our leadership.
- We should find solutions to partner authenticity & relational warmth with technology.
- We need to use technology to enhance our communication, teaching, and constant connection.

## **BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH JUNIOR HIGHERS**

#### **CREATE MEMORABLE MOMENTS**

We as leaders need to venture beyond programmed events to build relationships with students. The smallest gestures can begin the building process.

#### IDEAS FOR LIFE GROUP LEADERS:

- Go to their world (ex: drop off a treat at their house)
- Create "remember that time" memories
- Create a fun night together via Zoom: make dinner together, do an art project together, learn a TikTok dance together

## INTENTIONAL FOCUSED CONVERSATION

As leaders we need to be seeking out intentional conversations with students. And when a conversation begins, listening and remaining engaged with the student in front of us. This is the perfect season to FaceTime, call, or text students one-on-one to have these conversations.

### IDEAS FOR LIFE GROUP LEADERS:

- ✓ Remove distraction – have students pick a spot to meet where they won't be distracted, have them put away their phones / homework / video games, etc.
- ✓ Make specific follow-up phone calls
- ✓ Find an outside source to encourage them
- ✓ Be a listener not a fixer

## MAXIMIZE YOUR LIMITED TIME

As leaders, we have a limited time to minister to students each week. Make the most of that time!

### IDEAS FOR LIFE GROUP LEADERS:

- ✓ Be strategic about connecting with a specific student each week. Prior to meeting with your group, connect with your co-leader to plan out the week's meeting
- ✓ Invite students into your life. Connect with them throughout the week. (ex: tag them in JHM's posts)

## LEAD THEM TOWARD NEXT STEPS WITH JESUS

As leaders, we have a unique opportunity to give spiritual encouragement and direction. Students know they are at church!

### IDEAS FOR LIFE GROUP LEADERS:

- ✓ Ask about their relationship with Jesus
- ✓ Share about your personal walk with Jesus
- ✓ Encourage individually
- ✓ Point them towards JHM's next step resources at [saddlebackjhm.com](http://saddlebackjhm.com)