



LEADING A LIFE GROUP VIRTUALLY

Here are some ideas for your 30-minute life group meeting. Make sure you read through "Setting Up Zoom for JHM Life Group" before starting your life group meeting.

- Everyone shares
 - Highs / lows
 - Your weirdest household item
 - An old framed picture of yourself
 - Your pet
- Play a game together (game ideas below)
- Everyone grabs a snack and eat it together
- Share prayer requests and pray
- Do a lesson together
 - Watch SSM's daily devotions and ask a follow up question for discussion (this corresponds with Rick's Open Doors devotion book)
 - Watch the weekend service (have students do this beforehand) and go through the corresponding life group guide

WEEK 1 OF ZOOM

Take a few minutes to test out Zoom with your co-leader prior to your first group meeting. Use this first week on Zoom to just connect with your students. See how they're doing, share prayer requests, and just enjoy seeing each other.

**Take a screen shot of your life group meeting and send to JHM!*

CONNECT WITH **STUDENTS** THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

- Zoom Meeting. You can set up one or more Zoom meetings throughout the week.
- Personal text / call. Text or call your students individually throughout the week to say hi and check in on them.
- Point them to JHM social media. We are posting consistently throughout the week. We have fun posts and videos, as well as daily devotions.
- Reading plans. Go to saddlebackjhm.com for Bible reading plans you can do with your students.
- Handwritten notes. Write and mail students handwritten notes. Everyone loves fun mail!

LIFE GROUP GAMES

TWO TRUTHS AND A LIE

Pass out 3x5 cards and pens to your life group. Have each student write two true things about themselves and one that is false. Encourage them to be slightly tricky, making it challenging for the other students to figure out their answer. Go around in a circle and have each student read their statements to the rest of the group. The group then tries to guess which statement is false.

SIT DOWN IF

Everyone starts by standing. Begin to eliminate students by saying such things as "sit down if you ate pizza today" or "sit down if you have a little sister" etc. The last person standing is the winner.

Sit down if...

- You've had a pumpkin spice latte.
- You're going out of town for Thanksgiving.
- You don't like pumpkin pie.
- Fall is your favorite season.
- You ate all of your Halloween candy.
- Thanksgiving is your favorite holiday.
- You eat Thanksgiving meal before 5 PM.
- You went to a high school football game this fall.
- You own two or more beanies.
- You ski.

IF

Have everyone text you one or two "If" questions (such as, "If your house was on fire and you could only save one possession, which would it be?"). Choose one student to start and ask them one of the questions sent in.

NEVER HAVE I EVER

One at a time, each person announces something they have never done, beginning the sentence with the phrase, "Never have I ever..." For example, a person could say, "Never have I ever been to Europe." For each statement that is said, all the other students drop a finger if they have done the statement. So if two other people have been to Europe before, those two people must put down a finger, leaving them with four fingers. The goal is to stay in the game the longest (to be the last person with fingers remaining). To win, it's a good strategy to say statements that most people have done, but you haven't.

WOULD YOU RATHER?

Ask these questions and have students put up a 1 or a 2 depending on what they would rather do (you can make up your own questions!):

- Would you rather lose your sense of smell or developed a paralyzing fear of heights?
- Would you rather be able to visit 100 years in the past or 100 years in the future?
- Would you rather be able to play the guitar like a rock star or have anyone in the world willing to take your phone call?
- Would you rather have hiccups for the rest of your life or feel like you need to sneeze and not be able to for the rest of your life?
- Forget to wear deodorant on a date or endure your date's body odor?
- Pass gas loudly in church or on a first date?
- Have your little brother or sister tag along on your dream date or shadow you at school for a month?

CHARADES

Choose one student to be the actor and text them the word to SILENTLY act out. As they are acting, all the rest of the students on their team can guess out loud (OR they can type and send their answer in the Zoom chat). Keep tally of how many points each student gets. Each student takes a turn acting. Whoever has the most points at the end, wins! Get creative, but here are sample words:

-Cheeseburger

-Cartwheel

- Beach Ball
- Palm Tree
- Fireworks
- Football
- Spiderman

- Skateboard
- Shark
- Roller Coaster
- Burrito
- Hula Dancer