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Vision for Life Groups

To create a safe, loving Biblical environment where people's lives are changed as they are built-up, reach out and experience God.

Upcoming Events

Blocktoberfest - October 29th 4-6:30pm. This will be a great event for families and to invite others to. Would you and your group be willing to volunteer and serve that evening? If so contact Lindsey Flynn at Lindsey@lifechurchindy.com.

Clothing Drive & Free Clothing Store - The Stover's & Hooven's Life Group are collecting clothes for a free clothing store they are setting up at an apartment complex in front of Ben Davis on **Nov 12th**. The apartment management is excited for us to be coming in and we see this as being the first step in developing a long term outreach to our neighbors in these apartments. **Encourage your group to bring clothes in over the next few Sundays.**

Communion in Your Life Group

Spend time this week taking communion together as a group. This can be part of your ministry time or you might do it at the beginning of group. All that's needed is grape juice, some crackers or bread, and individual cups (the specific elements aren't as important as the heart of each person.)

Remind everyone that in the Bible it was common for small groups of people to gather together and to 'break bread' together. Acts 2:42-47

Have someone identified beforehand that will lead the time of communion (this may be a good task for a new/emerging leader.).

- After the elements are prepared, spend time praying together as a group. Lead people to focus their prayer: prayers of thanksgiving, repentance, and forgiveness, and the sacrifice Christ has made on our behalf.
- Read 1 Corinthians 11:23b - 24 and then pause. Give people an opportunity to take their bread.
- Read 1 Corinthians 11:25-26 and then pause. Give people an opportunity to take the juice.

Ice Breaker

Use one of the following questions to open up discussion (if you have first-time guests, be sure to have people tell their names as they answer the ice-breaker question.)

Since Halloween is next week, here are three Halloween related ice breakers:

- 1) If you could be any celebrity for a day, who would you be and why?
- 2) We all have those times in life where we wish we were invisible and not present after something happened. Think of a time where that was the case and share it with the group.
- 3) If you could have lived alongside any character in the Bible who would you choose and why?



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Discussion/Ministry time: *Please feel free to adjust this study to fit your group's needs and to God's leading. It is not necessary to use all of the material. Listen to the Holy Spirit and follow His leading with your group.*

- 1. Sunday we explored the idea that God has dreams and visions for our life He wants all of us to discover and pursue.**
 - What is one thing that you remember or that stood out to you?
 - Are there dreams or visions of your life or for your future that you feel God is leading you towards? What are they?
- 2. Scott said that a healthy church should be a dream factory. A spiritual community where people can discover, explore and start pursuing the dreams God has given them.** As a Life Group community, what can we do to help and encourage one-another in pursuing dreams?
- 3. Having a dream from God, and pursuing it, doesn't shield us from difficulty in life. Read what happened next in Joseph's life after he shared his dream with his brothers. Have someone read Genesis 37:12-24 and another person another read Genesis 37:25-36.**
 - **"If God comes to you and tells you that you have a great future ahead of you, that He has a plan and destiny for your life, do you expect to end up in the bottom of the well? NO!"** What thoughts were running through Joseph's head when this happened? Can you relate to what he was going through?
 - Why do you think God allowed Joseph to go through this experience? What could God had been doing in Joseph's life through this experience?
 - **"While it seems like this is the worst thing that could have happened to Joseph, he lived with a group of guys that wanted to kill him. At least this way he's still alive. God sends along the caravan of slave traders just at the right time, and Joseph is on his way to Egypt where he'll be 2nd in line to the most powerful man in the world, Pharaoh. As believers, we have a different view of conflict and hard times then those that don't have faith in Christ."** Talk about how we view conflict and hard times differently than non-believers?
 - When you're going through hard times, is your tendency to fight and resist what's happening or to engage God and cooperate with what He wants to do in the midst of the difficulty?

Ministry Time

Take communion this week together as a group (see the front.) As people have shared their dreams, it may also be a time to pray for each other's dreams and where God is leading them.