LIFE GROUPS

Following Christ Together

Connect → Grow → Support

Do you have a desire to serve in ministry leadership? Are you looking for a way to gain additional experience and leadership skills in a small group setting? If God has been putting these things on your heart, the Leadership Life Group is a great place for you!

Leadership Life Group

We see the role of a Life Group leader or host as extremely important not only to each of the Life Groups but also to our entire church. Our vision in Life Groups is following Christ together. We do this through the mission, which is to connect, support, and grow. The role of a Life Group Leader is to lead and shepherd members in your group by facilitating an atmosphere where they can discuss the Word of God, encourage one another, and receive support through prayer and other practical means. The role of a Life Group Host is to provide a safe, welcoming environment for your group to engage in fellowship, group discussion, and prayer. In preparation for these roles, or other ministry leadership in the church, joining the Leadership Life Group allows you to get instructional and practical training in the Life Groups setting:

Instructional Training

For the first half of the quarter (approximately 6 weeks), we gather as a small Life Group to go through the same content as the rest of the groups, so we have the chance to follow Christ together right away. We also participate in leadership development activities and conversations throughout our time together, exploring more specific scenarios and dynamics that come up in small group ministry.

Practical Training

For the second half of the quarter, we serve as the team of leaders for the Mid-Quarter Life Group, an open group that welcomes new members halfway through the Life Groups quarter. Each leader team member has the opportunity to lead or co-lead different aspects of the weekly meeting, utilizing their spiritual gifts. The leader team also learns how to plan together for the meetings, managing time and resources most effectively. Finally, debrief meetings allow the leader team to process reflections on real-time leadership experiences.

No Experience Necessary

We are looking for faithful and committed people, for those who will embody the vision of Life Groups. Leadership Life Group members will partner together throughout the quarter to honor the Lord by meeting the needs of their group. No previous experience in small group leadership is necessary. Attendance in a small group at Calvary or previous church is helpful but not required. We do request agreement with Calvary Monterey's Statement of Faith: www.calvary.com/about/beliefshistory.

Next Steps to Join

During the fall and spring quarters, you can sign up for the group directly at <u>calvary.com/lifegroups</u>. In the summer and winter months, you can reach out to the Life Groups team by texting 'leader' to 831-217-7999 or submitting the <u>Leadership Nomination Form</u>.