

WOODSIDE BIBLE CHURCH

See Jesus

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDES

*You're looking for Jesus, and He's closer than
you think.*

"One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."

JOHN 9:25

Your Story Tells God's Story

LIFE GROUP APPLICATION #1

Opening Question:

What's a story that you revisit with friends or family again and again? What about that story draws you to reminisce?

Start Here:

The Church is made up of ordinary people whose eyes were opened to see Jesus. Billions of testimonies woven across time and space tell the story of a God who is on the move to redeem all of creation through Jesus Christ. Let's look at how our personal stories connect with this great story:

WORSHIP | Explore God's Word

Read Together: John 9:1–25

Q1. What do we learn about Jesus from this passage?

Q2. What do the other characters in this passage reveal about how the world responds to Jesus?

Q3. What does this passage help us understand about spiritual sight and spiritual blindness?

COMMUNITY | Apply to Our Lives

Often, Jesus works through others to help us see Him. Many of our testimonies include the counsel, care, and Christlike love of people we know.

Q1. Who played a role in helping you see Jesus? How did God work through them to open your eyes?

Q2. Take a look back at your story. Do you recognize areas that God was at work before you even realized it?

Q3. Has anyone else in your life encouraged, challenged, and supported you as you've built a relationship with Jesus? How did they impact you?

MISSION | Apply to the World

God uses the stories of ordinary people to help others see Jesus. Take a moment to consider how God might use your story to tell His story:

Q1. Why do you think God works through ordinary people to help others see Him?

Q2. Name someone you know who's searching right now for hope, purpose, healing, or truth. How is God inviting you to be present in their lives?

THIS WEEK:

Ask God to bring someone to mind who's spiritually searching. Write down their name and pray for them. Look for an opportunity to reach out and listen to their story.

CLOSE IN PRAYER:

Pray *"Lord, help me see you!"* over yourself and those around the world who don't know Jesus yet.

How to Tell Your Story

LIFE GROUP APPLICATION #2

Opening Question:

Name someone who took a genuine interest in your life. What made you feel heard, known, or valued by them?

Start Here:

God chose to reveal Himself through story. Throughout Scripture, we see His work unfold through the story of Creation, the Fall, Redemption, and Restoration. In the same way, God is writing a story in each of our lives.

Every follower of Jesus has a testimony of brokenness, grace, and transformation that points to God's faithfulness. Our stories may not all be dramatic, but we can all speak to evidence of God's work in our lives. Learning to tell our stories helps us remember His grace, deepen our gratitude, and naturally share the hope we have in Christ.

Like the man healed by Jesus in John 9, we don't need all the answers. All we need to do is simply share our own version of his testimony: *"One thing I do know, that though I was blind, and now I see"* (John 9:25).

WORSHIP | Explore God's Word

Read Together: John 9:24-41

- Q1.** What stands out to you about the blind man's response when he was questioned about Jesus?
- Q2.** Why do you think the man's personal experience was so powerful?
- Q3.** What does this passage teach us about the role of personal testimony in helping people see Jesus?
- Q4.** What do you find encouraging about this story?

COMMUNITY | Apply to Our Lives

God is the hero of every testimony. Our stories help others see His faithfulness and remind us of the ways He's pursued us throughout our lives.

- Q1.** Imagine you were going to tell your story in three to five minutes. What would the major chapters be titled?
- Q2.** Where do you see the themes of Creation, the Fall, Redemption, and Restoration in your story?
- Q3.** What are some ways you searched for security, satisfaction, worth, purpose, or power apart from God? How did Jesus meet you in those places?
- Q4.** What part of your story most clearly displays God's grace?

MISSION | Apply to the World

One of the most powerful ways we can point people to Jesus is by sharing what He's done in our own lives.

Q1. Why do you think personal stories often connect with people on a deeper level than arguments or explanations?

Q2. What fears or obstacles keep you from sharing your story with others?

Q3. How would making Jesus the hero of your story change the way you think about sharing your testimony?

Q4. Who in your life might benefit from hearing part of your story? What could it look like to naturally weave your story into everyday conversations?

THIS WEEK:

Spend time writing out your story using the following framework:

Before Jesus: What was your life like before you saw Jesus?

See Jesus: How did you come to see Jesus?

Because of Jesus: What is your life like now because of Jesus?

Keep your story to about three to five minutes, use language that someone unfamiliar with church could understand, and focus on God's work more than your accomplishments. See the Life Groups Resource Appendix on page [] for a storytelling template.

If an opportunity presents itself, share a small part of your story with someone this week.

CLOSE IN PRAYER:

Thank God for the story He's writing in your life. Praise Him for His faithfulness in your past, His presence in this moment, and His promises for your future. Ask Him to help you remember what He's done in your life, and pray that He gives you opportunities to naturally share your story in a way that points others to Jesus.

Identifying People of Peace

LIFE GROUP APPLICATION #3

Opening Question:

Think about a time when you were new somewhere: a school, a workplace, a neighborhood, a church, or another social setting. What made you feel welcomed and accepted? Who helped you feel like you belonged?

Start Here:

When Jesus sent His disciples on mission, He taught them to look for the people God was already working within. Rather than trying to reach everyone at once, Jesus invites us to prayerfully discern **people of peace** and share the Gospel with them. As we study Luke 10, we'll consider **who** God may be calling us to reach and **how** we can reach them together.

How to Recognize a Person of Peace:

They enjoy being around you.

They welcome you into their life and want to serve you (your relationship is reciprocal).

They're open to spiritual conversations.

WORSHIP | Explore God's Word

Read Together: Luke 10:1–11

Q1. What stands out to you about the way Jesus sends His disciples?

Q2. Look at verses 5 – 9. What clues help identify a person of peace?

Q3. Why do you think Jesus tells the disciples to stay where they're welcomed instead of move from house to house?

COMMUNITY | Apply to Our Lives

Jesus sent His disciples out together because mission work was never meant to be done alone. We need other Christians to encourage us and help us recognize where God is at work.

Q1. Name someone who helped you recognize God's work in your life. Who in your circle has encouraged you to take steps of faith?

Q2. Which characteristic of a person of peace might be easiest to recognize?

Q3. Which characteristic might be hardest to recognize? Why?

Q4. What are the advantages of living missionally as a group rather than just individually? What could this look like for your Life Group?

MISSION | Apply to the World

Jesus invites us to pay attention to the people He's already drawing to Himself.

Q1. Is there someone in your circle who seems to enjoy spending time with you, welcomes you into their life, and is open to conversations about faith?

Q2. Which of those three characteristics are strongest in that person? Which might still need time to develop?

Q3. This week, what's one intentional step you can take toward developing a deeper relationship with that person?

THIS WEEK:

Identify three potential people of peace and write down their names. As you pray for them this week:

Pray for your relationship with them to grow

Pray for opportunities to engage them with the Gospel

Ask God to show you how He's already working in their hearts

Take a practical step toward investing in one of them

CLOSE IN PRAYER:

"And he said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'" – Luke 10:2

Thank God for the work He's already doing in the hearts of people who don't know Him yet. Ask Him to help you recognize the people of peace in your life and pray for courage to invest in them. Ask the Lord to send you and others into His harvest so that people everywhere would see Jesus.

Everyone's Searching for Something

LIFE GROUP APPLICATION #4

Opening Question:

What's something you once thought would make you happier, but didn't deliver the way you expected?

Start Here:

Everyone is searching for something. We might search for purpose in our work, acceptance in our relationships, comfort through entertainment, or escape through substances and distractions. But beneath all those desires is a deeper longing for God.

The good news is that Jesus doesn't condemn our search; He invites us to bring it to Him. As we learn to recognize the deeper longings beneath our own struggles and desires, we'll begin to see opportunities to point others toward the One who truly satisfies.

WORSHIP | Explore God's Word

Read Together: John 4:4-29

- Q1.** What do you learn about Jesus from His interaction with the Samaritan woman?
- Q2.** Why do you think Jesus begins their conversation by talking about water?
- Q3.** What does Jesus reveal about the deeper thirst underneath the woman's circumstances?
- Q4.** What does this passage teach us about where lasting satisfaction is found?

COMMUNITY | Apply to Our Lives

The Samaritan woman wasn't simply looking for water. Beneath her story was a longing for acceptance, belonging, purpose, and love. The same is true for all of us.

- Q1.** Looking back on your life, where have you searched for meaning, identity, or satisfaction apart from Jesus?
- Q2.** How did those things ultimately leave you wanting more?
- Q3.** How are you currently looking to things apart from God to satisfy or comfort you?

MISSION | Apply to the World

People rarely wake up thinking, "I need Jesus." More often, they're looking for happiness, significance, peace, freedom, healing, love, or purpose. These longings can become bridges to spiritual conversations.



To prepare for this part of the discussion, scan here to watch the See Jesus trailer.

- Q1.** In our culture, how do people commonly look for fulfillment, meaning, or identity? How might those pursuits reveal a deeper spiritual thirst?
- Q2.** Think of someone in your life who doesn't know Jesus. What longing, struggle, desire, or frustration do you see beneath the surface?
- Q3.** How might that deeper longing create an opportunity to share the hope you've found in Jesus?

THIS WEEK:

Tell someone about Jesus.

Practice talking about Jesus in a normal conversation. Don't force a Gospel presentation, but try connecting a deep need to who Jesus is and what He's done.

Look for opportunities to do this throughout the week.

Connect with someone in your Life Group before your next meeting. Talk about the conversations you've had this week, asking:

What deeper need or desire was beneath what they shared?

What was this person really longing for?

How is Jesus the true fulfillment of that longing?

The more you practice talking about Jesus with one another, the more naturally you'll do so with others.

CLOSE IN PRAYER:

Thank Jesus for satisfying our deepest needs. Ask Him to help you see people through His eyes...not as problems to fix, but as people longing for the living water only He can provide. Pray for opportunities to lovingly point others toward Him.

Mobilization Commitment

LIFE GROUP APPLICATION #5

Opening Question:

When's the last time you were so excited about something that you couldn't wait to tell someone else (a new restaurant, album, deal, or show)? What was it? What made you want to share it with others?

Start Here:

Helping people see Jesus takes the work of the entire Church! The good news is that this mission is accomplished through Jesus' power, not ours. Through the pouring out of His Spirit (Acts 1:8), it's the Lord who adds to His Church (Acts 2:47). As Christians, we get to join in what He's already doing around the world.

Let's explore together how God works through ordinary people in His Church to help others see Jesus:

WORSHIP | Explore God's Word

Read Together: Acts 1:8; Acts 2:42–47; Acts 8:1–8

Q1. In Acts 1:8, Jesus promises power for a purpose. What is that purpose, and how does it connect to the Church's mission?

Q2. Looking at Acts 2:42–47, how did the way believers lived together help others become interested in Jesus?

Q3. After persecution scattered the believers in Acts 8, they preached the Word everywhere they went. What could it look like for us to carry that same readiness into the disruptions of our own lives? What might it look like for ordinary Christians today to help people see Jesus in everyday life?

COMMUNITY | Apply to Our Lives

*If we're going to help people see Jesus, we need to be a church family that's mobilized for the redemptive mission of God. To do this, we need to **pray** for those who don't know Jesus and **tell** them what He's done in our lives.*

Two Ways to Get Mobilized:

PRAY

Pray for the people in your life who don't know Jesus.

Pray with a Life Group for your neighbors, city, and nation to see Jesus.

Pray for Woodside's global partners, missionaries, and the unreached.

TELL

Learn how to tell your story and practice sharing it with others.

Engage in a Life Group to help your neighbors and city see Jesus.

Champion global missions by joining short-term mission teams and/or supporting others who go.

Q1. What would devotion to these areas look like for you individually? What would it look like as a Life Group? Discuss how mobilization could become a reality that shapes your lives, rather than something you just occasionally do.

Q2. Which area of mobilization feels most natural to you? Why does the other area feel like a bigger challenge? How can you encourage each other in both areas?

MISSION | Apply to the World

*Mobilization is what happens when God's people move from receiving the Gospel to participating in God's mission. When we devote ourselves to **praying** and **telling** others about Jesus, we join the work that God is already doing to help people see Jesus.*

Q1. Naming actual people and places, who does God seem to be calling our group to reach?

Q2. What steps can we take to invest in them relationally and help them see Jesus?

THIS WEEK:

Mobilization Commitment:

Make a personal and group-wide commitment to grow in mobilization using the definition listed above. Revisit these commitments every time your Life Group meets.

Your Personal Commitment:

Your Life Group Commitment:

Both personally and as a group, take one concrete next step in each area of mobilization within the next 30 days.

Examples: Pray for three people by name, talk about Jesus with one person you know, join or launch a Life Group, commit to a mission team or partner with someone who already has, etc.

Personal Next Steps:

Life Group Next Steps:

CLOSE IN PRAYER:

“And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

– Acts 4:29 – 31

Pray that God would mobilize every Woodsider to help people see Jesus.

Generosity Commitment

LIFE GROUP APPLICATION #6

Opening Question:

What's the most meaningful gift that you've ever received? What made it so special?

Start Here:

Our church family is aiming to double our Gospel impact over the next decade. The vision for Woodside has grown, and our resources need to grow with it! When we choose to prioritize stewardship and generosity, our God-given resources will help push that vision forward.

This week, we'll look at how we can live generously to help others see Jesus.

WORSHIP | Explore God's Word

Read Together: 2 Corinthians 8:1–15; 9:5–15

Q1. What stands out to you about the generosity of the Macedonian believers in 2 Corinthians 8? In what ways does Paul encourage the Corinthian church to follow that example?

Q2. According to Paul, what heart or attitude should characterize Christian generosity?

Q3. Considering these passages, how can generosity and stewardship of our resources help others see Jesus?

COMMUNITY | Apply to Our Lives

The Gospel naturally leads to generosity. As Jesus is generous with us (2 Cor 8:9), we are to be generous with others. Paul encourages the Corinthian church to embody generosity so that they might be a blessing to others. We can grow in this area by having honest conversations about the things that keep us from being generous.

Q1. Read Mark 10:17–27, then discuss how people sometimes look to money to fulfill their core longing for security. How might this show up in your life? Does the thought of expanding your giving threaten something, even if you have the means to do so?

Q2. What would change if we saw generosity as offering God our first and best in every area of life (time, resources, talents, and relationships) instead of giving Him our leftovers?

Q3. How might people see Jesus through the practice of generosity? What could that look like inside our Life Group? What could it look like outside of our Life Group?

MISSION | Apply to the World

Generosity shows others that our trust is found in Christ. It cultivates opportunities to share the Gospel and fuels ministry and mission both within our church and across the globe. Let's consider how our generosity can impact the world around us:

Q1. How could our Life Group start practicing generosity in a way that might help point others to Jesus? Explore what it could look like to be generous with your time, hospitality, resources, and more.

Your Life Group Commitment:

Q2. Do you know someone who's looking for security in money? How might your generosity and freedom in Christ tell them a different story?

THIS WEEK:

Generosity Commitment:

Set aside some unhurried time and ask: "Lord, what do You want joyful, willing, expanded generosity to look like for me? How can I help people see Jesus through the generosity You're calling me to?"

Write down what surfaces and bring it back to God in prayer. As He leads, consider making a commitment to help double Woodside's Gospel impact over the next decade.

Your Personal Commitment:



Scan here to access your See Jesus Commitment Card.
Please submit your commitment before November 1, 2026.

CLOSE IN PRAYER:

Thank God for His abundant generosity to you through Christ Jesus. Pray that He would open your hands to live generously with others so that they might also see Jesus.

Living as a Mobilized + Generous Church

LIFE GROUP APPLICATION #7

Opening Question:

What's a habit that you've developed throughout your life? How did it stick with you?

Start Here:

If we're committed to helping people see Jesus, we have to allow the Gospel to change the way we live. Aligning our lives with God's mission looks like living intentionally in the everyday moments, dependent on His grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

This week, we'll consider what it means to live as a mobilized and generous church:

WORSHIP | Explore God's Word

Read Together: Matthew 5:13–16; Revelation 3:14–22

Q1. In Matthew 5:13–16, what does Jesus teach about the identity and purpose of believers in the world?

Q2. In Revelation 3:14–22, how does Jesus describe the church in Laodicea? What evidence does He give that they have become lukewarm?

Q3. What solution does Jesus offer the church in Laodicea? What does this reveal about His heart toward us?

COMMUNITY | Apply to Our Lives

Living as salt and light requires continual renewal in the Gospel. If we don't do this, we can become lukewarm and fail to help others see Jesus. The church in Laodicea wasn't persecuted or heretical, but had instead become self-sufficient and comfortable. We can face the same temptations.

Q1. As a Life Group, how are we most tempted to be lukewarm? How do we lean into complacency, comfortability, or self-sufficiency?

Q2. How can we help each other stay wholeheartedly devoted to Jesus and the Great Commission? What kind of honest, ongoing accountability do we need?

Q3. Jesus' invitation to the church in Laodicea was to return to His presence — "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." As a Life Group, how do we make sure that our focus stays on Jesus? What can we do to keep seeking His presence together?

MISSION | Apply to the World

God often helps people see Jesus through the everyday lives of Christians. As we love one another, serve our neighbors, and intentionally make space for others in our lives, we become a visible expression of the Gospel and participate in God's mission to help people see Jesus.

Q1. Name some ordinary rhythms in your life. How could you leverage one or more of those scenarios to help people see Jesus?

Q2. What's a practical step that our Life Group could take to become more visible and accessible to the people God has placed around us?

THIS WEEK:

Build Habits

Review your commitment to pray for three people of peace, your mobilization commitment, and your generosity commitment. Spend time this week building each of these commitments into your everyday life, then discuss with your Life Group the next time you meet.

CLOSE IN PRAYER:

Pray that Jesus would keep us from falling into a lukewarm faith. Ask that He would sustain us in the days, months, and years ahead to be a church that helps others see Jesus.