

2024 Winter Life Group - Detailed Information

Sunday Morning LIFE Groups 9:15-10:15AM (MCOG)

LG Fall 23s1 Part 1– Greater by Steven Furtick (Tim Fitzwater) This study challenges you to reach for the life Jesus promised when He said His followers would do even greater things than He did (John 14:12). In visually stunning teaching segments, Furtick shows you how to apply “greater” principles from the prophet Elijah’s life. Lessons include making a break from your old life, making practical preparations, living in the knowledge of faith, and stepping out to live the greater life God promises.

LG Fall 23s1 Part 2 – Watch Your Mouth by Tony Evans (Tim Fitzwater) Dig deep into the Bible's life-changing truths about the tongue in the Watch Your Mouth series from Dr. Tony Evans. You'll discover how to be victorious with your voice, honor God with your mouth, and avoid wrecking relationships with your words. What you say can make a huge difference to others—and to your own quality of life. Learn how to surrender your words to God so your mouth can truly minister to the world around you.

LG Fall 23s2 – 201/301 (Pastor Dorrice Burns) The 201 & 301 class teaches about the Holy Spirit and maturing in Christ. In the 201 class we look closely at the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, the gifts of the spirit and water baptism. In our 301 class we look at some essentials for spiritual maturity. This class works to ensure our unity as we co-labor together for Christ. This meaningful class has served well all who have attended. You need this course!

LG Fall 23s3 Part 1– The Daniel Dilemma by Chris Hodges (Donnie Calhoun) In this Bible study, Chris Hodges looks at the lives of both Daniel and Jesus, showing how we can stand for our biblical beliefs without being hostile or insulting to others. We can stand up for God's truth in a morally corrupt culture—while still loving others—because the goal is never about winning the argument but about winning hearts. As Jesus demonstrated, when we connect with others before we correct them, we can handle the hard questions without compromising God's grace or truth.

LG Fall 23s3 Part 2– God Never Gives Up On You by Max Lucado (Donnie Calhoun) God Never Gives Up on You Bible Study Guide is tailor-made for the members of the "Lost Halo Society." It's for the strugglers among us and the fumbler within us. It's for those who are part saint ... and part scoundrel. It's for those who mean well but don't always do well. And it's for those who could use a refresher course on how God enacts his perfect plan in this world by working through imperfect people.

LG Fall 23s4 Part 1 – Forward by Dr. David Jeremiah (Michelle Kenton) In Forward Dr. David Jeremiah teaches how to live fearlessly and get your life in focus. The Christian life is to be lived looking forward and with our eyes fixed on the race in front of us—not looking back over at our shoulder at the other runners or the past. In the Bible, the apostle said as much when he wrote, Dr. Jeremiah draws on this key verse to show that while it is good at times to *look* back, we need to make sure that we don't go back and allow the past to dictate our future. We need to celebrate our good memories but also celebrate our bad memories with finality—thanking God for the lessons that He has taught us through the experience and committing to use those lessons to make positive changes in our lives.

LG Fall 23s4 Part 2 – Undistracted by Bob Goff (Michelle Kenton) Distractions cause more harm than you might think. And they're all around us, all the time. They can disrupt our focus on what really matters, interfere with our true priorities, and divert our attention from the God who created us for his good purpose. Bob Goff has created this Bible study to give you guidance in and joyful permission to: identify the distractions in your life, eliminate them so that you can recharge and refocus on your God-given purpose, start living a less-distracted and more joy-filled and love-oriented life. Distractions can get you stuck in the past, worried about the present, and frazzled by any future you could possibly fret over. It's time to discover how to get undistracted in all aspects of your life.

Tuesday Evening LIFE Groups 7:00-8:00PM (MCOG)

LG Fall 23t1 Part 1 – UNOFFENDABLE by Brant Hansen (Pastor Dorrice Burns) It's a provocative idea: We are not entitled to get offended or stay angry at other people. The idea of our own "righteous anger" is a myth. Instead, the Bible calls every follower of Christ to do something radical and countercultural: Let go of our anger and forgive. As it turns out, giving up our right to be offended is one of the most freeing, healthy, relaxing, refreshing, stress-relieving, and encouraging things we can do. It allows us to recognize that people are broken and stop being scandalized by their actions. It enables us to accept people and stop judging them. It creates a way for us to not just love others but to actually like them. In this Bible study Brant Hansen shares practical ways to live life with less stress and more care by becoming unoffendable.

LG Fall 23t1 Part 2 – The Nehemiah Code by O.S. Hawkins (Pastor Dorrice Burns) In this Bible study, O.S. Hawkins, draws on the book of Nehemiah to show how each of us can begin again when we look to God for help. Whether we have suffered broken relationships, integrity missteps, devastating loss, or any other setback, it is never too late to rebuild our lives! Nehemiah understood this truth when he called on the Lord for insight during his people's hard times. He was an ordinary man who applied principles from God that enabled him to rebuild a broken city wall and, in the process, rebuild a lot of broken hopes. Nehemiah left behind some secrets of his success—a sort of hidden "code"—which can become a fountain of hope and strength to us. Nehemiah's message across the centuries is plain and powerful: it is never too late for a new beginning!

Ladies Group

LG Fall 23t2 Part 1 – Grit Don't Quit by Bianca Olthoff (Tina Hill & Angi Paul) The Bible talks a lot about grit, but it doesn't exactly use the word. Scripture uses terms like perseverance and endurance to describe doing difficult things and having the determination to keep moving despite challenges and weariness. But grit is just a little bit something extra, right? The grittiest of all characters in the Bible was the Apostle Paul and he is known for his ability to get back up and keep going no matter what because Paul was not Paul's sole focus. Bible teacher and preacher Bianca Olthoff dives into the stories of Paul and others who have come before us to show how they overcame the same life circumstances we struggle with today. You will learn how to keep going—that it's never by your own strength and it's always for God's glory that you get back up.

LG Fall 23t2 Part 2 – Your Sacred Yes by Susie Larson (Tina Hill & Angi Paul) Does your busy life leave you feeling stretched thin? Discover how to say "no" to unnecessary obligations and "yes" to the One who revives your soul! Sharing personal stories and biblical insights, Susie Larson in her book, Your Sacred Yes, encourages you to slow down, free yourself from the power of peer pressure, discern God-given opportunities, and live a life that counts! Together with the DVD, this makes an ideal six-week study for a small group or an individual.

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LG Fall 23w1 – Revelation (Pastor Carl Hoffman) The study of the Book of Revelation continued.