



## Life Groups @ MGCC

### **What Is A Life Group?**

A Life Group is a group of Christians—at whatever state of spiritual development—who recognize and respond to God's call to live our lives in authentic community. Life Groups choose to "do life" together—to develop accepting, intentional relationships with an intimate circle of other believers. All our groups will use a common, sermon-based curriculum designed to advance our whole church, together, in a growing relationship with Christ. Within groups, however, the goal is a growing relationship with Christ driven by growing relational intimacy with one another.

### **Why Should I Join A Life Group?**

We consider Life groups to be one of the most important ways to experience connection and community at Maple Grove. Through a Life Group, you will be able to journey with others, encouraging one another as you live, learn and grow together and with God. God doesn't want any of us to walk alone – we were meant to do life together.

### **When And Where Do These Groups Meet?**

Our Life Groups meet on various days and nights of the week in homes throughout the community. Each group has a facilitator, who may also provide the host home for the gathering.

### **What About Childcare?**

We leave it up to each family to work out their own childcare. Sometimes it works best for families to share a sitter or to swap childcare with another family whose group meets on a different evening.

### **What Will We Study?**

All of our groups will use a common, sermon-based curriculum designed to keep our whole church, together, in a growing relationship with Christ. Message Outlines and weekly Talking Points will be the key components for the discussion time each week. Within groups, however, the goal is not primarily an increased, rote knowledge of the Bible, Christian doctrine, or even of the spiritual truths communicated in the most recent sermon. The critical goal is authentic community: a growing relationship with Christ driven by relational intimacy with the other members of the Life Group.



### **How Long Does A Group Last?**

We don't want to determine the end before it's even begun, so we encourage groups to determine for them how long they continue their Life Group. Our hope is that each group will stay together—and do life together—for the long haul. However, there will be opportunities at the end of each 10 week session (Fall, Winter, Spring) to make a decision to either stay in your current group, move to another group or take a break for awhile.

### **How Do I Sign Up For A Life Group?**

We will be starting sign ups beginning on January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011. If you have any other questions feel free to contact any member of our Life Group Team.

- Steve Malone,
- Bill Mack,
- Joe Sigalas,
- John Snell,
- Randy Rodgers or
- Andy Yost