



LIFE GROUPS 2019

NLC Life Group Study

Week of December 8, 2019

A CLOSER WALK WITH CHRIST

Life Group Schedule

30 MIN Eat, Meet & Greet

15 MIN Ice Breaker: **DIRTY SANTA/WHITE ELEPHANT Gift Exchange.** These two gift games are similar. White Elephant generally allows a low gift budget (like \$5), while Dirty Santa can be more generous (but might be hard on some). Regardless, it's a fun game at Christmastime! There are many versions, so take a moment to find a set of rules that everyone can abide by before the evening starts.

TRANSITION: As you're gathering, spend some time in **WORSHIP & PRAYER.**

45 MIN | A CLOSER WALK WITH CHRIST

**REV. 2:29; LUKE 8:8; 2 CHRON. 16:9; EX. 20:3; MATT. 22:37-38;
HEB. 11:6; JOHN 6:35; PS. 107:9; MATT. 6:33; REV. 3:15-16**

- To seek (Matthew 6:33) means to seek in order to find out, to crave and go after with all your heart.

HOW TO DESIGN A LIFE THAT SEEKS AFTER GOD

1. Have a steady devotion. **1 CORINTHIANS 11:1; 1 THESSALONIANS 5:19**

2. Be disciplined. **EPHESIANS 2:8-9; PSALM 5:3; ISAIAH 26:9**

- How to be disciplined:
 - > "disciplined" doesn't mean legalistic.
 - > SET A TIME TO DO IT EVERY DAY.
 - > BE DISCIPLINED EVEN IF IT'S TERRIBLE.
 - > DECIDE ON WHAT YOU WILL DO DAILY.
 - > BE ACCOUNTABLE TO SOMEONE WITH YOUR GOALS.

3. Expect delight. **PSALM 37:4; PHILIPPIANS 4:4-13**

- If you get into devotion and you stay disciplined, your delight in God will become an obsession. Being with your Lord and Savior becomes the greatest thing you do. This is when you love people, you love life, you love your spouse. You don't need a better job or spouse. We just need to be more like Christ.

Q1. What is the one thing (or the main thing) that currently distracts you from being fully devoted in your relationship with God?

Q2. Do you currently intentionally schedule time to spend with God?

Q3. What is a one percent course correction you can make based on this week's message?

Q4. What is one thing the Holy Spirit is nudging you to take action on?

TAKE PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAY OVER NEEDS