Increased participation

Small groups meeting together for Bible study and prayer here at Post Road Christian Church are known as LIFE Groups. Some meet on Sunday morning, others on Sunday night, and still others meet in the evenings during the week. There are LIFE Groups that meet here at the church building, and some meet in the homes of members. We have LIFE Groups for women, for men, for couples, and open for anyone. Here’s what happens in a LIFE Group:

- Learning
- Involvement
- Fellowship
- Encouragement

The goal for our LIFE Groups ministry is to have 100% of adults attending Post Road Christian Church actively involved in a LIFE Group. Please be in prayer this week for increased participation by those attending PRCC in our LIFE Group ministry.

Please pray for the following:

- For all of us to be reminded of the example set for us in scripture that the early church met together for the study of God’s Word, fellowship, encouragement, and prayer:

  They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. . . Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts. (Acts 2:42, 46)

- For the Holy Spirit to guide those who are part of a LIFE Group to people who are not currently in a LIFE Group:
  - to know just the right words to say at exactly the right time;
  - to have boldness in inviting people to join their LIFE Group

- For the Holy Spirit to speak to the heart of those not in a LIFE Group about the blessings of being involved in a LIFE Group

- For those who are not in a LIFE Group to prayerfully consider joining one for the all-church study starting up September 18

- For those who are part of a LIFE Group to participate fully in their LIFE Group

Authentic Relationships

Apart from our relationship with Christ, walking through life as a believer can be lonely. We understand that at PRCC. It is our heart that LIFE group members would offer each other fellowship and encouragement – journeying together to face, embrace and enjoy the paths Christ has set before us. As the ocean is much more than its beautiful blue surface, so are we as Christ Followers. It’s our desire for us to voyage together, learning the depths God has created in each other.

Please partner with us by praying for the following:
For the Lord to open up the lives of PRCC attendees to join a LIFE group and share authentically within their group

For Christ to lead people to the right group for who and where they are

That the LIFE group study will bring forth opportunities to be authentic with one another

For pre-existing life groups to open themselves to new relationships with new members

That members are committed to submitting to the LORD and listening to His leading in terms of their relationships within their group

That our LIFE Groups might be a place where people can share in real and authentic ways, living genuinely together

That the group might be sensitive to how the LORD might lead them to develop relationships and share in life with each other, as is the best fit for their group

That members might trust the LORD’s leading, being willing to take the risk to move beyond the surface with each other

That members will responsibly handle what is shared within their group, that the Holy Spirit will lead the group in how to come alongside each other

That members might be bonded together through a commitment to praying for each other

That groups might take advantage of opportunities both in and outside of their group to nurture relationships with each other

**God-Hunger**

This week we are focusing on our intimacy with and longing for the Lord. May we dwell with Him more often and more intimately both within and outside of LIFE Group.

“The greatest enemy of hunger for God is not poison, but apple pie. It is not the banquet of the wicked that dulls our appetite for heaven, but endless nibbling at the table of the world ...The strongest, most mature Christians I have ever met are the hungriest for God. It might seem that those who eat most would be least hungry. But that’s not the way it works with an inexhaustible fountain, an infinite feast and a glorious Lord.” John Piper *A Hunger for God*

**Please partner with us by praying for the following:**

That we might have a deeper hunger for God -- to know what its like to never be satisfied with ‘enough’ of God, to experience a continual pursuit of more.

- Intentionally making space each day to nurture an authentic relationship with Jesus.
- To prioritize our relationship with the Lord as our most important relationship.
- That we might hold more tightly to the Lord than to the sins and distractions of our world “…let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles…” Heb. 12:1
- Purposeful, committed growth in relationship with the Lord over the course of our lives “…and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.” Heb 12:1
- Focus on the example of Jesus’ ongoing relationship with the Heavenly Father, His life on earth and our desperate need to know Him more fully “Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfector of our faith…” Heb. 12:2
- May our LIFE Groups be places where discipleship is found and God-Hunger encouraged. May LIFE Group members reflect to what it means to live life in pursuit of intimacy with Christ.
- The Lord would provide relationships with other believers to hold us account-able in our relationship with the Lord.