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Dear Rocky Peak,

Our vision at Rocky Peak is...

To unleash a movement of passionate Christ-Followers, who are...

...Pursuing God

...Loving People

...Serving Sacrificially

...Sharing Christ

Life Groups play a huge part in this. In the New Testament, the book of Hebrews challenges us to meet together on a regular basis so we can "spur one another on to love and good deeds" (Hebrews 10:24-25). And that's what Life Groups are all about. They are the primary place where we meet each week in small groups to challenge, encourage, grow, and support one another—so that together we can truly unleash a movement and change our world.

So if you are looking for a place to connect and grow, I encourage you to check out this booklet and sign up for one of these groups. These groups do require a ten-week commitment, both to attend and do your study—but they can make a huge difference in your walk with God, and they are the best way to get plugged in at Rocky Peak. That's why we call them the “core” of our church.

In the following pages, you'll find a brief description of all our Life Groups with openings. These groups are arranged by station in life to help you find the group that best meets your needs.

We've also included a list of FAQs to answer some of the most commonly asked questions about Life Groups—including how they work, how often they meet, what they study, the level of commitment they require, and so on. If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact our Life Group office or any of our Life Group pastors and directors (page 6) and they'll be happy to answer your questions and help you find the right group.

May this be the year where God unleashes His movement in your life in a new way.

In Him,


Pastor Mike

life group FAQs (frequently asked questions)

What is a Life Group?

A Life Group is a small group made up of 10–16 people who meet weekly to share, study and support one another. Each group has a trained leader. An average meeting lasts for two hours, followed by light refreshments.

How important are Life Groups?

Life Groups are the core of the ministry here at Rocky Peak. They’re the place where “real church” happens as we study God’s Word, grow together, and share our lives. They are the primary way we connect, build relationships, and take care of one another.

When and where do they meet?

Life Groups meet on various days and nights each week throughout the San Fernando, Simi, Conejo and Santa Clarita Valleys. The winter session starts January 10 and ends March 13.
How long do they last?
Each Life Group session lasts ten weeks. At the end of each session, you’ll have the choice of signing up for the same group, trying a new group, or taking a break. Most groups stay together throughout the entire year. Life Groups do not meet over the summer.

What is the required commitment?
Joining a Life Group requires a 10-week commitment to attend each week and do the study ahead of time. Obviously, allowances are made for sickness, vacation, work conflicts and other special events—but not much more. This commitment is the key to strong groups.

What will we study?
Many groups use the study we provide in the weekend services. These sermon-based Life Groups are built on what we call a “lecture-lab” model. The weekend message serves as a practical lecture on the Christian life, and Life Groups provide a lab where you can roll up your sleeves and talk about how the weekend’s topic is working out in your life.

The study is designed to take 30–60 minutes and takes you to other passages in the Bible that address the same topic—as well as asks practical questions to help you apply the message. Some groups will use other curriculum to study a particular book of the Bible or another practical topic on the Christian life.

What does it cost?
Few things in life are free and Life Groups are no exception! The cost of Life Groups is the cost of commitment. At your first meeting (which is also a potluck dinner), your group will complete a covenant together. This simple form will help you discuss your goals and clarify your commitment. Part of that commitment is the promise to attend each week and complete the study. When you join a Life Group, you’re promising to attend and come prepared each week. It’s this commitment that makes Life Groups work. We realize it’s a big commitment, but it only lasts for ten weeks. If your Life Group is doing a special study, you may have to pay the cost of a book or study guide.

What about childcare?
Most Life Groups are for adults only, though a few groups offer childcare at their meetings. This means each family needs to arrange for their own childcare. Sometimes families share a sitter with another family, or even swap childcare with another family whose Life Group meets on a different evening. We realize this is a big commitment. But the best spiritual gift you can give your kids is growing parents—and it’s so important for you to model this growth in your life. We believe that your spiritual growth in a Life Group is one of the best investments you can make in your child’s spiritual future.

How do I choose a group?
We recommend choosing a group based on its leader/coordinator team and their station in life—rather than by location or meeting time. Groups usually do best when members share common interests and challenges. In the end, you’ll find it’s worth the drive! In fact, we’ve organized this booklet to help you find a group that shares your station in life. However, if you’d prefer a group that has a wider mix of people, we have many general groups for you to choose from as well.

If you need help finding the right group (especially if you are new to Rocky Peak), please don’t hesitate to give us a call. And just as a heads up, sometimes it takes trying two or three groups before you find the perfect fit—but don’t worry, you’ll find it!

How do I sign up for a Life Group?
You have a few options once you have selected a group. You can fill out a Life Group sign-up form on the patio after any weekend service on December 12/13, January 2/3 or January 9/10. You can also go to rockypeak.org and click on The Path, then Life Groups. There you can find the group you chose and send an email directly to the leader requesting to join that group. Or, you can contact Kirsten Essiambre at lifegroups@rockypeak.org or 818.709.0113, ext. 105, and she can get you signed up.

How will I know when groups fill up?
As sign-ups continue, more and more groups will fill up. Each weekend we will include a list of the groups that are still open in the program.

Where do I go to the first meeting?
Your first meeting will be a potluck dinner—so it may start a little earlier than usual. Your leader or group coordinator will call you the week before to give you directions and help you decide what to bring to the potluck.

Any last words of advice?
Yes. Sign up as soon as possible. The groups will fill up fast—the sooner you do so, the more likely you’ll get your first choice.
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general groups

These groups are open to people of all ages and all stages of life.

To join a general Life Group, call Kirsten Essiambre at 818.709.0113 ext. 105.

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**Monday 7 pm | Reseda**

study... sermon based

lead by... Copp, Gary

coordinated by... Sanders, Stephanie

age range... 30-50

childcare available... no

Gary and Carolyn Copp have been married since 1997. We love our dogs, camping, and long drives with the top down enjoying God’s creations. We have been attending Rocky Peak for about ten years and have served in the security team and as Life Group leaders.

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**Monday 7 pm | Chatsworth**

study... sermon based

lead by... Smith, Chuck

coordinated by... DeVore, Joan

age range... 40+

childcare available... no

As a group leader, along with my group coordinators, we like to bring our Christian values and beliefs, and as Christ does, welcome the new group members with open arms and a warm smile.
\textbf{tuesday 7 pm  | mission hills}

study... sermon based
lead by... \
\textbf{Cabrera, Ron and Norma}
age range... \textbf{all ages (18+)}
childcare available... \textbf{no}
My wife and I have been married for over 28 wonderful years, and we have two children, Ron Jr. and daughter Colby, who is now in high school (yikes). We lived in Lake Arrowhead and Hawaii, before landing in Mission Hills, and have been attending Rocky Peak since September 2013. My wife works in the corporate world. I’m a general contractor and did a 15 year stint with LAUSD as an instructor of construction trades. On weekends I’m a stage manager at Rocky Peak. I love music...hearing it ...playing it and creating it. And I also love guitars...collecting...playing and repairing them.

\textbf{tuesday 7 pm  | winnetka}

study... sermon based
lead by... \
\textbf{Kuebler, Bob and Mary}
age range... \textbf{all ages (18+)}
childcare available... \textbf{no}
We enjoy long walks on the beach, early mornings, good friends, animals and cruising. Bob is a contractor and Mary is a travel agent. Our marriage spans over 35 years and we love our time together. After becoming partners at Rocky Peak we joined the First Impressions Ministry and now lead a group, and are very involved in our community. We volunteer with our therapy dog and enjoy projects with LAPD, Kiwanis Club, Northridge Hospital and other groups. We hope to get back and visit Alaska soon.

\textbf{tuesday 7 pm  | granada hills}

study... sermon based
lead by... \
\textbf{Leifer, Skip}
age range... \textbf{50+}
childcare available... \textbf{no}
Skip’s one desire is to help others become what God saw them becoming when He first created them in His own mind’s eye. He loves to disciple others and has led Bible studies and Life Groups since joining this church in 1985. He has served on the elder board and was on staff at Rocky Peak for 10 years. He and his wife, Carol, have been married 51 years and have two children and four grandchildren. They enjoy time with family, reading, walking in the park, traveling and attending local theater.
tuesday 7 pm  l  canoga park
study... *Love Does* by Bob Goff
lead by... **Cowley, Michael and Jessie**
age range... all ages (18+)
childcare available... no
I love roleplaying games, the beach, bicycling, traveling and cooking. I am a middle school teacher of history, mathematics, religion and a soccer coach. I’ve been married for sixteen years and we have a three-year-old son, Marcus. I usher and volunteer in three-year-olds Kids Ministry. Our next big trip is to Russia to see World Cup games in 2018. I am Jessica I love reading, cats, and Killer Shrimp restaurant! I’m married to Michael, and we have a 3-year-old son Marcus. I’m a special education preschool teacher. We’ve been at Rocky Peak for about four years, where we volunteer in Kids Ministry together. One of my dreams is to take a Viking River Cruise through France!

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tuesday 7:30 pm  l  woodland hills
study... sermon based
lead by... **Ip, Keith and Carol**
coordinated by... **Rosengren, Reidar**
age range... 40+
childcare available... no
Carol was born and raised in Michigan and Keith was born and raised in Hong Kong. We met while we were going to school in Milwaukee. God brought us together and allows us to walk the journey of our life for more than 30 years. Being from such diverse cultural backgrounds, we have our share of ups and downs and God has wonderfully brought us a little bit closer each day. We have four children, a wonderful daughter-in-law and a grandson. Our desire is to build our lives into others, loving God and loving people.

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wednesday 6:30 pm  l  simi valley
study... sermon based
lead by... **Occhiuto, John & Bruno, Sue**
age range... all ages (18+)
childcare available... no
John: I am 43 years old and a father to an amazing nine-year-old daughter. I live in Simi Valley and work in Woodland Hills as an insurance broker. I’ve been at Rocky Peak for a little over two years now and I am absolutely in love with our church.
Sue: I am the grateful mom of three adult children who is never happier then when the family is around the dinner table. I work as the executive director of youth service programs for the Police Activities League and have been growing at Rocky Peak for 12 years. I am a First Impressions volunteer happily serving at the café on Sunday mornings.
**Wednesday 7 pm | Simi Valley**

**Study:** sermon based

**Lead by:** Marsden, Gary and Cindy

**Age Range:** all ages (18+)

**Childcare Available:** no

Gary and Cindy met at Rocky Peak in the singles class and were married 16 years ago. They raised a blended family of five and are blessed with grandchildren. Gary is a prototype machinist and Cindy is a registered nurse. They enjoy spending time in the outdoors and volunteering.

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**Wednesday 7 pm | Chatsworth**

**Study:** sermon based

**Lead by:** Nader, Paul

**Coordinated by:** Dahl, Ted

**Age Range:** 40+

**Childcare Available:** no

My wife, Doreen, and I have been married for 28 years and have been blessed with three daughters, ages 25, 22, and 17. I have been a buyer and trainer for my family's home furnishing company for 37 years. We have been attending Rocky Peak for seven years. My hobbies include music—I play drums and enjoy singing in a local cover band. I also enjoy traveling with my family and meeting new people.

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**Wednesday 7 pm | Bell Canyon**

**Study:** Out of the Salt Shaker & Into the World by Rebecca Pippert

**Lead by:** Roebuck, Mark

**Coordinated by:** Harrisberger, Debby

**Age Range:** all ages (18+)

**Childcare Available:** no

I have attended Rocky Peak for 15 years with my wife, Linda. For a long time, I have been interested in apologetics, and after collecting a lot of books, I decided to join the apologetics Life Group hoping to give some of them away. I have a degree in chemical engineering and work in a related field. The group has people at all levels of apologetics. Come join us so you will always be ready to make a defense to every one who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you (1 Peter 3:15).
**thursday 6:30 pm  |  canoga park**

study... *The Case for Faith* by Lee Strobel
lead by... **Bill, Back and Angela**
age range... all ages (18+)

childcare available... no

Bill Back is a security sergeant at the Music Center in downtown L.A. He and his wife, Angela, have attended Rocky Peak since 2011. He enjoys studying the Bible, watching movies, reading, writing, and playing video games. His love for Christian apologetics and his atheist background give him a unique outlook on the objections posed by skeptics. His goal for life group is to bring glory to God by equipping fellow Christ followers to answer the tough questions presented by the secular world.

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**thursday 6:30 pm  |  northridge**

study... **Sermon Based**
lead by... **Downs, Rob and Lyndy**
age range... all ages (18+)

childcare available... no

The Downses have attended Rocky Peak for seven years and been Life Group leaders for three years. Lyndy serves on First Impressions and volunteers at VBS. Rob serves as a Peak Pal. They just celebrated our 25th anniversary and have three grown sons. Rob is a special education teacher in Reseda. She will volunteer at CBS this year as a teacher. We also co-own and manage a seasonal swimming school in Burbank. Rob spends time on home remodeling projects and Lyndy enjoys reading and card-making. In their spare time we travel to SLO, Big Bear, Lake Powell, and beyond.

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**thursday 7 pm  |  chatsworth**

study... **sermon based**
lead by... **Mikusky, Charlie and Jeanne**
age range... 40+

childcare available... no

We’ve been a part of Rocky Peak for 6 years. My wife, Jeanne, and I have been married for 32 years and have four adult children. We’ve been active in Life Groups since being a part of Rocky Peak the past six years. I enjoy reading books, working out and the outdoors. My profession is a dentist, a graduate of USC, practicing in the West Valley for 32 years. Jeanne leads a women’s Life Group and has a heart to come alongside others through mentoring and discipleship.
married groups

These groups are open to married couples.
To join a married Life Group, call Kirsten Essiambre at 818.709.0113 ext. 105.

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Monday 7 pm | Porter Ranch

Study... sermon based
Lead by... Fuller, Charles and Carol
Age range... all ages (18+)
Childcare available... no

We love cross-cultural situations, ethnic food, foreign movies, all kinds of books, and travel. We have two grown children and two grandsons. Charles has been a teacher forever and is currently with fifth graders in a LAUSD school. Carol is an acrylic artist and a caregiver. We have been excited to be a part of Rocky Peak for two years and serve as part of the First Impressions team.

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Tuesday 7 pm | Simi Valley

Study... marriage/parenting
Lead by... Elliott, Scott and Jodi
Age range... 20-40
Childcare available... no

Scott and Jodi have been married for 28 years and have been at Rocky Peak for over 10 years. They have two kids Jacklin and Jacob and are excited to be gaining a son-in-law next year! One of their favorite things to do is camping with friends and family in Yosemite!
Both my awesome wife Marliese and I have been attending Rocky Peak for the past eight years. We have been married for 16 years of which the past four have been transformational! We have been fortunate to be leading Life Groups for the past two years experiencing some awesome people with some great stories! I am an avid reader and listener of the Word with the goal of building up the body to pursue Jesus with passion. Currently, Marliese works in the bio-pharmaceutical sector while I am working in the construction and wine industry sectors.

Neil and Lynn have been married for 14 years. They enjoy being outdoors, they look forward to spontaneous adventures, and love to travel! One of their favorite places to visit and hike is Yosemite! They have been to the top of Half Dome and Upper Yosemite Falls numerous times. They are passionate fans of the Ohio State Buckeyes, the greatest college football team ever and The Dallas Cowboys, America’s team! They love Jesus deeply and their greatest desire in their marriage is that they both individually become more like Jesus so that their marriage reflects God’s Kingdom.

Victor: Egyptian Extrovert that loves to entertain and socialize.
Odette: Armenian Introvert that loves to explore the world and learn about different cultures.
We have been married for 19 years and have three kids. We have been attending Rocky Peak since October of 2009.
**tuesday 7:30 pm  | woodland hills**

study... sermon based
lead by... Lorenzana, Dante and Sabrina
age range... 30-50
childcare available... no

When we’re not chasing around our five- and three-year-old girls, we love a good movie or binge watch a show on Netflix. We are also foodies at heart and love to spend time over a meal with our Life Group friends. We have been attending Rocky Peak for three years and love this journey of life God has put us on!

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**wednesday 7 pm  | porter ranch**

study... Love & Respect by Dr. Eggerichs
lead by... Bollier, Renny and Karen
age range... 50+
childcare available... no

Karen and I have been married for over 24 years and have been attending Rocky Peak for over 27 years. We have a blended family of six kids and ten grandkids. Karen and I taught a pre-marriage class at Rocky Peak for 15 years and continue to work with couples in the church. Karen is deeply involved in Community Bible Study at church. I am retired and am involved with several projects at Rocky Peak as well. In our spare time, we enjoy traveling and spending time with our family.

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**wednesday 7:30 pm  | woodland hills**

study... sermon based
lead by... Rosengren, Reidar and Amy
age range... 40+
childcare available... no

Reidar and Amy have been married for nearly 20 years, and came to Rocky Peak after moving away from the snow in Illinois. They have previously lead small groups for youth, college age, and married couples. Reidar works in a hospital pharmacy and Amy is an RN. They enjoy being with each other, and being with others who desire to serve, grow, and love together, following Jesus.
thursday 7 pm  |  northridge
study... sermon based
lead by... Abernathy, Tim and DeeAnn
age range... 30-50
childcare available... no
My wife Dee Ann and I have been partners at Rocky Peak since 2003. We have been blessed with three awesome children. I love mountain bikes, motorcycles, hiking and camping. I have been a Christian since I was about ten years old. However, I did not really understand what it was like to really follow Christ until ten years ago. I am very thankful that God called me back to himself.

thursday 7 pm  |  north hills
study... sermon based
lead by... Garcia, Raul and Sonia
age range... 40+
childcare available... no
Sonia and I have been attending Rocky Peak for about 15 years have a college-age son at UCR. I work with rocket scientists providing solutions to them from within the IT department. I started working at age 11 in the family-owned auto repair business. I’m a graduate of CSUN with a BS and MS in engineering and am a part-time internet entrepreneur. My hobbies include cycling.

friday 7:30 pm  |  simi valley
study... special study
lead by... Keshmeshian, Tadeh and Idet
coordinated by... Abrell, Brad and Michelle
age range... 30-50
childcare available... no
We have been attending Rocky Peak since 2011. The Lord has met us in tremendous ways here especially when we joined a Life Group. We are excited to be leading this season for the first time and cannot wait to see how the Lord moves in powerful ways!
singles groups

These groups are open to single adults.

To join a singles Life Group, call Kirsten Essiambre at 818.709.0113 ext. 105.

tuesday 7 pm  |  simi valley

study... sermon based
lead by... Glassford, Brian & Lesley
age range... 22-32 (men’s spots only)
childcare available... no

Brian is the pastor of communications and operations at The Church at Rocky Peak. He passionately believes in powerful messages and stories that shape people’s lives (Mark 4:11). He has committed his energy to redemptive and restorative work through communications and media. He is married to his wife Lesley who is a singer, artist, writer, musician, minister, friend, and Life Group director at Rocky Peak. Brian and Lesley love hanging with the family, enjoy the outdoors and are Chicago sports fans.

friday 7 pm  |  chatsworth

study... sermon based
lead by... Cook, Damon and Preston, Julie
age range... 32-45
childcare available... no

Damon: For my job, I work in the medical technology field. For fun, I play card and board games and look for any kind of fun new things to try. I’ve traveled all over the world, but love to explore locally just as much. I’ve been attending Rocky Peak since the end of 2014 and really appreciate being able to connect with people, even in a big church like we’ve got. I’ve only lived in Southern California for a couple years, but I already dread the winter anywhere else! Julie: I love to read, and I love photography. I have been at rocky peak for almost three years. I have participated in the women’s mentoring program, and I was prayer warrior for one of the sessions. I work in the health care industry. I hope to travel to New York!
men’s groups

These groups are open to men.

To join a men’s Life Group, call Kirsten Essiambre at 818.709.0113 ext. 105.

tuesday 7 pm  I  sherwood forest
study... sermon based
lead by... Streid, Mark
coordinated by... Trujillo, Matt
age range... all ages (18+)
childcare available... no

Our desire is to grow as men, husbands and fathers who desire to serve the Lord in the home, in the church, at work or wherever we may be. Each week we spend time worshiping in song, prayer and bible study. We want you to come prepared to share insights that you have discovered through your own personal time with the homework and studying God's word. Each week we share prayer requests and praise reports that allow us to see how the Lord is working in our lives and hold each other accountable throughout the week. Come join us and experience His blessings.

thursday 11:30 am  I  northridge
study... Gospel In Life by Timothy Keller
lead by... Lawley, Grant
age range... all ages (18+)
childcare available... no

My wife, Tricia, and I keep busy raising our 6-year-old twins, Luke and Grace. That is a full time job in itself, but when I do find time for other things, (like making a living) I wait tables in Beverly Hills and paint portraits. I love Rocky Peak, I serve on First Impressions and cannot wait to see what this season of Life Group has in store!
Thursday 7:30 pm  | Lake Balboa

Study... *The Good and Beautiful Life* by James Bryan Smith

Lead by... Palato, Paul

Age range... All ages (18+)

Childcare available... No

Paul has been married for 35 years, has five grown children and four beautiful grandchildren. Paul has been saved for over 25 years and loves the Lord with all his might. God has been accepting, forgiving, inspiring, brilliant and challenging in all that time.

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Thursday 7:30 pm  | Chatsworth

Study... *Simplify* by Bill Hybels

Lead by... Rafeedy, Brian

Age range... All ages (18+)

Childcare available... No

I joined Rocky Peak in 1993 and I have been leading sports ministries since 1997. I am the head of global IT operations and infrastructure for Universal Music Publishing Group. The Lord has taken me on a journey that I could never have planned. I am a Pastor’s son, an avid sports fan and participant, a survivor of Hodgkin’s Lymphoma and I love photography and camping. The idea for this group is to take John 10:8-10 and explore it and follow it and related sections in the Bible. To seek the Lord in how to live lives that are consistent with his plan of his flock to “have life, and have it to the full.” John 10:8-10!

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Friday 6 am  | Chatsworth

Study... Sermon Based

Lead by... Leonard, David

Age range... All ages (18+)

Childcare available... No

David was born again at seven years old and baptized at 14 years old. He is married with two children. He is involved in many areas of service work and ministries at the church. David also served in the military for six years and has a BA, MS, and master of divinity. He enjoys teaming up with his wife as much as possible.
saturday 6:30 am  | northridge
study... *Early Christian Letters*—*1 Peter* by N.T. Wright
lead by... Wood, Greg
coordinated by... Janes, Garry
age range... all ages (18+)
childcare available... no

I am married and have two adult sons. I am an attorney specializing in intellectual property litigation and alternative dispute resolution. I am on the elder board, lead a men’s Life Group and am chairman of the international board of Joni & Friends. My wife, Candy, is the associate teaching director of Community Bible Study, which meets at Rocky Peak every week. Candy and I have been married for 42 years and have attended Rocky Peak for 34 years.
women’s groups

These groups are open to women. To join a women’s Life Group, call Kirsten Essiambre at 818.709.0113 ext. 105.

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**Monday 6:30 pm  |  Simi Valley**

study... Beth Moore study
lead by... Potter, Christine
coordinated by... James, Jennifer
age range... 30-50
childcare available... no

I am married and I am a mom to two beautiful daughters. I am outgoing and love to get to know people.

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**Monday 7 pm  |  West Hills**

study... sermon based
lead by... Brauer, Julie
age range... 40+
childcare available... no

I have attended Rocky Peak for the past 15 years. I am an elementary teacher in Saugus and have a son and daughter-in-law. I have co-led a singles life group for several years. A life group can serve a family for singles who may feel alone at church. One of my goals as a life group leader is to provide support and encouragement.
monday 7 pm  l  tarzana
study... Soul Keeping by John Ortberg
lead by... Essiambre, Kirsten
age range... 22-32
childcare available... no
I love coffee, chips and salsa, and binge watching Netflix! I have been at Rocky Peak for nine years and have served in many ministries here and worked on staff with the college department for five years. I currently am working in the Life Group department and if you turn around you will most likely see me at one of the tables! :) My prayer for this group is that it will be a place where we will encounter the Lord and be challenged by Him and eachother.

monday 7 pm  l  canoga park
study... sermon based
lead by... Funk, Barbara
age range... all ages (18+)
childcare available... no
I have been at Rocky Peak for 13 years! I am married to my wonderful husband John. We have two sons and a beautiful granddaughter who has stolen our hearts forever! I have led in high school ministry and now have been leading a Life Group for the past year and loving every minute.

monday 7 pm  l  simi valley
study... Acts: Seeing the Spirit at Work by John Stott
lead by... Giordano, Wendi and Klaiber, Wendi
coordinated by... Callaway, Debbie
age range... all ages (18+)
childcare available... no
Wendi and her husband, Bill, have been married for 17 years and have two teenage boys. She is a registered nurse, but has chosen to remain at home at this time in order to home educate their two boys. They have been attending Rocky Peak for over 13 years and Wendi has been involved in Life Groups, children’s ministry, Mexico missions, and the Rocky Peak bookstore. Wendi enjoys reading, walking, running, spinning, and just spending time at home playing games and watching movies with the family. Wendi Klaiber has attended Rocky Peak for 18 years. She is a wife, mother of two teenage daughters, and a high school math teacher. She loves to read and run races with her Dad.
**Monday 7 pm | Moorpark**

study... sermon based  
lead by... **Hannon, Brittany**  
age range... **all ages (18+)**  
childcare available... **no**  
I have been at Rocky Peak for over ten years, and have loved serving in high school ministry for about eight years. In my spare time, I love playing with the babies at Monarch Christian School, where I am the director of early education. I love doing life with people and I am excited to walk through the ups and the downs with my new group!

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**Tuesday 9 am | West Hills**

study... *Power of a Praying Parent*, by Stormie Omartian  
lead by... **Lawley, Tricia**  
coordinated by... **Origer, Monica**  
age range... **30-50**  
childcare available... **no**  
My husband and I have been married for eight years and have 6-year-old twins, Luke and Grace. We have been at Rocky Peak for 4 years and LOVE it! I work part time as a banquet server at the Four Seasons Hotel, LA. I also have my own portrait photography business and work for a Beverly Hills wedding photographer. I can’t wait to do life together, to get down to the “nitty gritty” and to pursue God together with passion. I always feel so blessed to see how God reveals himself in each woman and how he shows different facets of His love, mercy and grace.

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**Tuesday 10 am–1 pm | Woodland Hills**

study... *Precept study—1 & 2 Thessalonians*  
lead by... **Anschultz, Sue**  
age range... **60+**  
childcare available... **no**  
I’m a widow, with children and grandchildren both nearby and in other states. I’ve been a partner at Rocky Peak since 1995. I have made Bible study a priority, learning through Precept and other studies at the church. I have been leading Precept for over three years, and co-leading for several years before that. My heart is to have women be familiar with the whole Bible, Old and New Testaments, to recall or find passages on any subject to know how to apply the Word to their lives. Recreationally I will do needlework, pretend to play the piano (confession - I don’t practice!), or on rare occasion paint. I also enjoy Sudoku and crossword puzzles, and a good historical novel.
tuesday 6:30 pm  |  winnetka
study... sermon based
lead by... Montijo, Ana
age range... all ages (18+)
childcare available... no
I have been involved with small groups for over ten years. My passion is discipleship and helping the body navigate through the messiness of life. I am currently pursuing a master’s degree in biblical counseling from The Master’s College in Santa Clarita. I have been married to my best friend (Ana) for over 13 years. We are blessed to be the proud parents of two boys and two girls. We look forward to spending time with God’s people while learning how to build God honoring marriages.

Ana Montijo

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tuesday 6:45 pm  |  chatsworth
study... Jesus Calling Bible Study Series: Trusting In Christ by Sarah Young
lead by... Badgett, Susan
coordinated by... Stone, Michelle
age range... 22-32
childcare available... no
I love a good story, Disneyland, thrift stores, and Pizza Rev. My jobs include being a wife, mom of two Sons, and a L&D nurse. I’ve been at Rocky Peak 8 years where I volunteer in First Impressions, Kids Ministry and Life Group leadership. I finally have visted Italy and someday, I aspire to climb Half Dome!

Susan Badgett

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tuesday 7 pm  |  chatsworth
study... Every Woman’s Battle by Shannon Ethridge
lead by... Rodino, Patty
age range... 20–29
childcare available... no
I have been at Rocky Peak for over 20 years and have served as a life group leader and in other ministries for over 10 years. I love worship, bible study, and being a mom of 2 young children. I will be celebrating 20 years of marriage next summer. I work part time as a CPA consultant but mostly love the beach and doing fun things with my family.
**Wednesday 10 am | Simi Valley**

- Study: sermon based
- Lead by: Kenney, Silvana
- Coordinated by: Lee, Angela
- Age range: all ages (18+)
- Childcare available: no

I have been at Rocky Peak for seven years. Previously my husband, Terry, and I were pastoring in Northridge at the White Covenant Church for 32 years. We were directors of a small private school for 19 years, where I taught K-8, Spanish and art at the high school level. I love the arts, being with friends, traveling, meeting new people and growing in the Lord. I feel honored, and humbled at the same time, to be able to share my gifts and my life story with others.

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**Wednesday 7 pm | Chatsworth**

- Study: sermon based
- Lead by: Castanon, Elsa
- Age range: 50+
- Childcare available: no

I am a passionate Christ-follower who is learning to love people, serve sacrificially and share His love through my Life Group. I enjoy being a facilitator for our group of lovely ladies. This is a group of women who care for each other and like to share with one another, pray for one another, we are always happy to welcome new members to be a happy, committed group.

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**Wednesday 7 pm | Simi Valley**

- Study: sermon based
- Lead by: George, Melody
- Coordinated by: Clodfelter, Karen
- Age range: 40+
- Childcare available: no

God led me to Rocky Peak many years ago and since I’ve been here I have grown so much as a Christ-follower. I got braver as I followed His lead and started attending a women’s Bible study, Essential classes, mission trips, being a coordinator for our Life Group for two years and now am being led to lead our group. As our group’s new leader, I am looking forward to the new adventure...it’s been awesome so far!
**wednesday 7 pm  | chatsworth**

study... **sermon based**
lead by... **Hammer, Marie**
coordinated by... **Arvin, Jessica**
age range... **all ages (18+)**
childcare available... **no**

I’ve been attending Rocky Peak since 2002. I’ve been active in Life Group for over five years. Some of my favorite things to do are praying, reading the Word, visiting art museums with my daughter, reading books, writing stories, cooking and bringing my family together and spending time with my friends. I do love a good story, thrift stores and hosting. My husband and I love to travel. We hope to visit the Great Wall in China and spend time in Paris and Florence sometime in the near future.

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**wednesday 7 pm  | northridge**

study... **sermon based**
lead by... **Palato, Carol**
coordinated by... **Oltman, Barbara**
age range... **all ages (18+)**
childcare available... **no**

Carol has been married for 35 years, has five grown children and four beautiful grandchildren. She’s been at Rocky Peak for 15 years and has served as a Life Group leader for four years.

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**wednesday 7 pm  | granada hills**

study... **sermon based**
lead by... **Peterson, Carol**
coordinated by... **Kauffman, Linda**
age range... **40+**
childcare available... **no**

Our group is multicultural. We are becoming passionate Christ-followers and serving others with our gifts. I have been a bookkeeper for over 20 years and going to Rocky Peak for at least that long too. My interests include reading, playing board games, boutiques, watching football and decorating for the seasons. I am single and enjoy the fellowship of our group.
**Wednesday 7 pm | Simi Valley**

**Study...** *Just Enough Light for the Step I'm On*

**Lead by...** [Yow, Amy](#)

**Coordinated by...** [Smoker, Audrey](#)

**Age range...** 22-32

**Childcare available...** No

Amy has been involved in Life Groups for 13 years and has been at Rocky Peak for three years. She is married, has two teenagers, and works from home. She also serves in Kids Ministry.

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**Thursday 9:30 am | Mission Hills**

**Study...** Special study

**Lead by...** [Higgins, Kathleen](#)

**Age range...** All ages (18+)

**Childcare available...** No

I started going to Rocky Peak ten years ago and have been married to Kurt since 1989. Both of our girls have been active in student ministries. I have been in my Life Group for two years and felt an amazing amount of growth.

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**Thursday 9:30 am | Granada Hills**

**Study...** Sermon based

**Lead by...** [Lia, Amber](#)

**Coordinated by...** [Johnson, Kate](#)

**Age range...** Moms with young kids

**Childcare available...** Yes

Amber is a stay-at-home mom of three little boys and spends her free time writing for several faith and parenting blogs online, as well as taking a stab at her first two books. She and her husband run a family- and faith-friendly TV and film production company called Storehouse Media Group, where they seek to produce shows and films that both honor God and inspire people. Her favorite place is the beach and she makes a killer triple layer, triple chocolate fudge cake!
**Thursday 7 pm | Simi Valley**
study... *A Guide for Listening and Inner Healing*  
by Rusty Rustenbach  
lead by... **Lubin, Margo**  
age range... **all ages (18+)**  
childcare available... **No**  
I’m 24 and recently married. I’m passionate about creating media and am video production coordinator at Rocky Peak. I also enjoy reading, writing, playing piano, cats, being outdoors, gardening, cooking, eschatology, and Meyer’s-Brigg’s personality theory. Mostly, I desire to be a part of something bigger than myself and to encourage my sisters in Christ to be overcomers and to reach their potential in their spiritual giftings. My desire is for this group to be a prayer bootcamp where we all push each other to pursue Jesus in a deeper way.

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**Thursday 7:15 pm | Canoga Park**
study... **sermon based**  
lead by... **Ohanian, Rebecca**  
age range... **22-32**  
childcare available... **no**  
I am a passionate young woman who loves the Lord and wants to encourage others to know God’s love and follow Him! I came to Rocky Peak in 2011, was away in Pasadena during 2012, and after getting married that December my husband and I moved to Sunland and decided to return to Rocky Peak. I got my bachelors degree in music: media composition from CSUN and am using my talents as a songwriter and lead singer in a hard rock band that was formed late 2013. I am excited to see what God will bring each session of Life Groups as we continue to learn, grow, and meet God at Jesus’ feet.

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**Friday 9 am | Granada Hills**
study... **sermon based**  
lead by... **Schilling, Cherrie**  
age range... **all ages (18+)**  
childcare available... **no**  
I have been married to Michael 33 years. We have two adult children: a married son in Duarte and a daughter in Atlanta. We have been at Rocky Peak almost three years. I am a Bible Study Fellowship group leader. I like to walk our dogs in the morning. I try to keep up with technology, so I do many things on my IPad from email, sermon notes, Bible Study and games. I mostly like to play puzzle like games. I had a serious surgery a year ago and God has been restoring my health! I am so excited to serve Him and see Him at work.
saturday 10 am | northridge

study... focus on vulnerability

lead by... Ogne, Brigitte

age range... 20–40

childcare available... no

I’m excited to be back leading a Life Group at Rocky Peak! The people who I have met here truly are my family. I’ve led small groups for college age women, young adult women and even married young adult couples. I feel strongly about being in communion with the category of believers to which I belong. And I love to see the great plans in store for all those who choose to seek Him first.

Brigitte Ogne
college-age groups

These groups are open to college-age adults (18–25).

To join a college-age Life Group, contact Chris Woznicki at cwoznick@rockypeak.org
**Celebrate Recovery**, an inspiring and healing ministry for both men and women, is now at The Church at Rocky Peak. **Celebrate Recovery** was developed over 15 years ago at Saddleback Community Church in Orange County, and is being used in thousands of churches around the country to facilitate healing from a variety of hurts, habits and hang-ups.

**The PURPOSE of Celebrate Recovery:**

Celebrate Recovery’s focus is to fellowship and celebrate God’s healing power in our lives through Eight Recovery Principles and the Christ-Centered Twelve Steps.

This experience allows us to be changed. We open the door by sharing our experiences, strengths, and hopes with one another. In addition we become willing to accept God’s grace in solving our life problems.

By working and applying these biblical principles we begin to grow spiritually. We become free from these hurts, habits and hang-ups, including dysfunctional behaviors or anything that separates us from a relationship with God. This freedom creates peace, serenity, joy, and most importantly, a stronger personal relationship with God and others.

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Whether you’ve participated in another recovery/12-Step program or not, we encourage you to attend Celebrate Recovery. If you even think this may be a place for you, come and explore that possibility.

**Every Friday evening at Rocky Peak**

**Weekly Schedule:**

- **7–8 pm** Main meeting: Worship and speaker
- **8–9 pm** Small groups: Breakout time
- **9–10 pm** Solid Rock Café: Coffee and dessert

For more information, contact the Celebrate Recovery ministry at 818.709.0113 or 805.522.5100, ext. 157. Or, send a confidential email to: celebraterecovery@rockypeak.org. Emails will be answered promptly by one of our Celebrate Recovery ministry leaders.