



Life Group Leadership Team

May 9, 2026

Personal & Group Prayer Requests

See list in Subsplash for all requests

Administrative Nuts and Bolts

Time to recruit new leaders for fall! – Please be talking to group members as appropriate about birthing new groups from your own

Connect potential new leaders with Brandy as soon as possible to allow time for onboarding before the fall

Well-Rounded Christian Faith

Discussion – Incorporating Well-Rounded Faith into our Groups

Six Dimensions of Well-Rounded Faith:

- Abide in Christ
- Live in the Word
- Pray in Faith
- Fellowship with Believers
- Witness to the World
- Minister to Others

How can we as Life Group leaders cultivate growth in these six areas for ourselves?

Take the Lifeway assessment yourself and reflect on the results (document included under the Resources section of Life Group Leader webpage – www.gracecomm.org/lgl) – A couple of leaders have already done this and found it to be very enlightening. To get the most out of it, approach it the way Lifeway recommends by including feedback from others on top of your self-reflection.

Consult the Lifeway document for suggested action steps to foster growth in a particular area

Set achievable goals for personal growth – focus on one specific area using one specific behavioral change (e.g., focus on growth in praying in faith by setting a goal of praying daily for 15 minutes)

Share goals with others to increase personal accountability

Be honest with yourself and with God about where you are lacking, and trust the Holy Spirit is faithful to do what He says He will and assist you to grow in the areas you need

Assess personal hesitations or resistance to growth and bring them honestly before the Lord in prayer

Keep in mind that growth can come from the inside out (i.e., focusing on tuning our hearts to God's and focusing on developing our love for Him), or from the outside in (i.e., making a commitment to engage in a biblically sanctioned behavior, even if you don't really want to do it, and trusting God to develop increased willingness to continue it)

Remember that spiritual growth *never* stops this side of heaven, so we can expect to have continued need for addressing these areas throughout our lives

How can Life Group leaders encourage growth in these six areas among their members?

Use the six dimensions to help shape group discussion questions. Make sure each dimension regularly comes up in discussion.

Pick studies strategically to address areas of growth for the group members

Use the Lifeway document to assist members in identifying prayer requests for themselves (e.g., they identify a component they want to work on and ask the group to pray for them as they do). That will also assist in guiding members to focus prayer requests on their own spiritual growth instead of leaning so heavily on intercessory requests for people the group has never met.

Summary of Discussion & Use of Lifeway Document

As a leadership team, we are in agreement that the six dimensions of well-rounded faith are an appropriate tangible definition upon which to base group discussions and expectations related to spiritual growth. Thus, this six-dimension model will be used in every Life Group moving forward.

Each group is free to use the Lifeway document in whatever way the leader(s) deem fit, ranging from simply using it to guide your own discussion question development and study selection all the way up through having your group go through the assessment process as defined in the document.

Mark Your Calendars!

- **Upcoming Summer Group Leader Trainings – Pick which one is best for your schedule**
 - Wednesday, July 15 – 5pm to 9pm
 - Saturday, July 18 – 9am to 2pm
- **Get Connected Lunches**
 - October 4, 2026 – Young Adult Group and Nortons Host
 - February 7, 2027 – Armstrongs and Moultons Host