

# RCF LIFE GROUP CURRICULUM AND SCHEDULE 2026

Schedule from January 1st through December 31st 2026

## \*GENERAL NOTES\*

### Notes on Canceled Meetings

- Members of canceled studies for a particular week are encouraged to attend fellow Life Groups that meet on the same day, or a day later in the week (if available).

### Notes on Break Weeks

- **Break Weeks** are just that: breaks. However, Life Groups are free to meet, fellowship, or **catch-up** from a week (or weeks) where Life Group was canceled.

### Notes on Fellowship Nights

- **Fellowship Nights** are open to interpretation. Each group can have a potluck, game night, community outreach event, or even use this week to catch-up on the curriculum. Either way, *be intentional*.

### Notes on Fourth of July Break

- This week functions like a normal **Break Week**. Groups are still free to meet if they desire!

### Notes on Thanksgiving Break

- **Thanksgiving break** is similar to others, with the exception that it will likely be *the only break where all life groups will not meet*. Each group still has the freedom to meet, if they so desire.

### Notes on Evangelism Wednesdays

- Life groups are canceled these weeks, and all life groups are highly encouraged to attend and invite their unsaved neighbors!

### Notes on December/Christmas Break

- **December/Christmas Break** can function as both a **Fellowship Night** or a **Break Week**, or just be off for those weeks entirely. The **December/Christmas Break** is also intended to allow freedom for members to travel around Christmas.

## Notes on objectives for each book

- Books 1 & 2, *Esther and Ruth* by Jon Nielson and Ian M Duguid: The Old Testament narratives of Esther and Ruth feature women and men who act boldly and ultimately receive God's blessing. Does God help those who help themselves? Actually, he helps those who don't deserve it! See how our gracious God used embittered, compromised, and fearful people to rescue his own and to prepare them for Christ's coming
- Book 3, *Discipling* by Mark Dever: No matter what season our church is in, making disciples is part of our obedience to Jesus Christ. This book takes us through what discipling is, why we need it, and how we ought to go about it biblically. Our kids who accept Christ need discipling. The lost who are outside our church and who are evangelized by our members need discipling. And at some point in our Christian walk, the Lord will have us either being disciplined, or discipling someone else.
- Book 4, *James* by Jon Nielson: The letter of James, overflowing with literary simplicity and theological depth, rewards thoughtful study. Moreover, it contains the wisdom of God for daily life and points to Christ as the Lord of the church and the giver of grace.

## Summary of weeks

52 weeks total

23 weeks off

- 4 for Fellowship Nights
- 1 for Thanksgiving Break
- 3 for December Break
- 1 for July 4th
- 10 for Break Weeks
- 4 for Evangelism Wednesdays

29 weeks of study

- Books 1 & 2: Esther and Ruth (13 weeks)
- Book 2: Discipling by Mark Dever (5 Weeks)
- Book 3: James (13 weeks)

## 2026

- Jan 4-10 - Esther 1:1-22
- Jan 11-17 - Esther 2:1-23
- Jan 18-24 - Esther 3:1-15
- Jan 25-31 - Break Week
- Feb 1-7 - Esther 4:1-17

- Feb 8-14 - Esther 5:1-14
- Feb 15-21 - Esther 6:1-14
- Feb 22-28 - Fellowship Night
- Mar 1-7 - Esther 7:1-10
- Mar 8-14 - Esther 8:1-17
- Mar 15-21 - Break Week
- Mar 22-28 - Esther 9:1-10:3
- Mar 29-Apr 4 - Ruth 1:1-22
- Apr 5-11 - Ruth 2:1-23
- Apr 12-18 - Break Week
- Apr 19-25 - Ruth 3:1-18
- Apr 26-May 2 - Ruth 4:1-22
- May 3-9 - Discipling Chapter 1-2
- May 10-16 - Fellowship Night
- May 17-23 - Discipling Chapter 3-4
- May 24-30 - Discipling Chapter 5-6
- May 31 - June 6 - Break Week
- June 7-13 - Discipling Chapter 7-8
- June 14-20 - Discipling Chapter 9-10
- June 21-27 - Break Week
- June 28-July 4 - Break Week
- July 5-11 – Evangelism Wednesdays
- July 12-18 - Evangelism Wednesdays
- July 19-25 – Evangelism Wednesdays
- July 26 - Aug 1 – Evangelism Wednesdays
- Aug 2-8 - Break Week
- Aug 9-15 - James 1:1-12
- Aug 16-22 - James 1:12-18
- Aug 23-29 – Hospitality Evangelism Week
- Aug 30 - Sep 5 - James 1:19-25
- Sept 6-12 - James 1:26-2:7
- Sept 13-19 - James 2:8-13
- Sept 20-26 - Break Week
- Sep 27 - Oct 3 - James 2:14-19
- Oct 4-10 - James 2:20-26
- Oct 11-17 - Break Week
- Oct 18-24 - James 3:1-12
- Oct 25-31 - James 3:13-18
- Nov 1-7 - James 4:1-6
- Nov 8-14 - Fellowship Night

- Nov 15-21 - James 4:5-17
- Nov 22-28 **Thanksgiving Break**
- Nov 29 - Dec 5 - James 5:1-6
- Dec 6-12 - James 5:7-20
- Dec 13-19 **December Break**
- Dec 20-26 **Christmas Break**
- Dec 27-Jan 2 **December Break**