

LIFEGROUP VISION FOR FALL 2011

For the fall semester of 2011, the aim of all of our LifeGroups will be to multiply community. We desire to see our LifeGroups multiply each subsequent year. We would like for each LifeGroup leader to find one person in their group that they can team teach with the following semester, with the aim of having one group multiply into two groups by the following year. This is where we can really leverage our individual spheres of influence in order to see the Gospel reach the entire campus. For this to happen, we have decided to adopt a new plan for our LifeGroups. We have chosen to focus on using our LifeGroups as the means by which we disciple our students. All BCM sponsored LifeGroups will commit to incorporate the following four aspects in their groups:

1. "Show Christ"

This is a daily commitment. A leader should emulate Christ on a daily basis.

This means that the leader will have the responsibility to show their group members what it means to live a life worthy of the Gospel. This means that things such as prayer, accountability, spiritual assessment, etc. should be a part of each meeting. We understand that you aren't perfect, and we don't want you to act as such either. Be transparent with your group so that they can see what it means to be humble.

2. "Teach Christ"

This is a weekly commitment. A leader should present Christ through their teaching during each meeting time.

This is probably the most obvious component of a LifeGroup. We desire that you teach the members of your group the Word. This doesn't necessarily mean you must go through a book of the Bible, but we ask that you be discerning in choosing your material. It is important that your group is actively getting into the Scriptures and confronting the Gospel. The teaching should incorporate both understanding and applying the Word.

3. "Share Christ"

This is a monthly commitment. A leader should convey the importance of evangelism--both in word and in deed.

This quite simply means that each LifeGroup leader will need to actively demonstrate to their group what it means to share the Gospel. The group leader would need to be willing to teach others how to share the gospel effectively and also take time to simply do evangelism with their members.

4. "Serve like Christ"

This is a semesterly commitment. A leader should commit to serving both the community of USF as well as the community of Tampa Bay.

This action harmoniously incorporates two aspects of the LifeGroup model: the aim here is to *show* Christ to the world in order to *share* Christ with the world. Make it a priority to be active in some form of community outreach with your group. This could include things such as feeding the homeless, Habitat for Humanity, etc. Our groups don't have to be limited to our campus and leaders should recognize that we have been called to reach out to the Tampa community as well.