

November 2008

LIFE GROUP SURVEY

THE FACTS

Number of Groups:

11 Life Groups meet Sunday through Thursday

Leadership Teams:

11 couples are Leaders

10 couples are Co-Leaders

Participating Members:

155 adults, 52% of total adults attending FBC

145 adults have no contact with a Life Group

Size of Life Groups:

Smallest Life Group: 9 people

Largest Life Group: 20 people

Average size: 14 people

Age of Life Groups:

Newest Life Group formed: Sep 08

Oldest Life Group formed: Sep 03

Age of Members:

Average age of all members: 35

Youngest average age of a Life Group: 27

Oldest average age of a Life Group: 54

Youngest member: 25

Oldest member: 79

Average age of Life Group Leader: 40

Youngest Life Group Leader: 27

Oldest Life Group Leader: 54

CURRENT GROUPS

PHASES OF A LIFE GROUP

Discover	Deepen	Mature	Reproduce
<small>Learning to know one another...</small> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background • Preferences • Beliefs • Experiences 	<small>Learning to understand one another</small> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Struggles • Fears • Desires • Dreams • Strengths/Weaknesses • Commitment 	<small>Learning to minister to one another</small> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spiritual Gifts • Exhortation • Encouragement • Faith challenges • Transparency • Sacrifice 	<small>Preparing to separate from one another</small> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vision • Training • Support • Release

Hickey Group	Bunce Group	Boan Group	Cross Group
	Graber Group	Davis Group	
	Hokuf Group	Meyer Group	
McCreight Group	Singleton Group		
Smitley Group			

PROJECTED REPRODUCTION

2008	2009	2010
11 Life Groups	16 Life Groups	22 Life Groups
155 Adults	192 Adults	264 Adults
Average 14 per group	Average 12 per group	Average 12 per group
	64 Leaders	88 Leaders
	Boan 1/09	Smitley 9/10
	Cross 1/09	Graber 9/10
	Myers 1/09	McCreight 9/10
	Hickey 9/09	Hokuf 9/10
	Singleton 9/09	Davis 9/10
		Bunce 9/10

300 adults attend FBC on a regular basis

- If each Life Group recruited one couple, 22 more adults could be incorporated into the church immediately
- At least 11 more couples need to be trained and ready to assume leadership of a Life Group in the coming 2 years
- 3 groups are ready to reproduce in January of 2009, 2 groups are planning to reproduce in September 2009
- If every adult attending FBC were in a Life Group we would need potentially 22 groups or double the current number

LEADER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Responses to Survey

	Leaders				Co-Leaders		
	Love it	Willing	Not Easy		Love it	Willing	Not Easy
Hospitality	5	6		Hospitality	5	3	1
Leadership	8	3		Leadership	4	5	
Teaching	4	5	2	Teaching	2	6	1
Encouragement	7	4		Encouragement	5	2	2
Training	2	6	3	Training	2	2	5
	26	24	5		18	18	9

LEADERSHIP SKILLS

Skills they would like help developing

Bible Content	Developing Questions	
Skills in group management	Determining the needs of the group	How to deepen relationships
Training	Hospitality	Encouragement
Discipling new believers	How to reproduce the group	Prayer

LEADERSHIP RESOURCES

Resources they would like to have

Ideas of good books and study material	Software to go deeper	Topic of marriage	Bible study guides
Videos	Study guides for families	Topic of prayer	Walk Across the Room
Discussion questions	Beth Moore study of Revelation	Bible commentaries	Interaction with other leaders
	Topic of parenting	Ideas for planning time	

CONTENT OF YOUR TIME

Activities the groups have done, topics discussed

Walk Across the Room	Prayer nights	Book of Ephesians	
Prayer-Max Lucado	Lifestyle evangelism	Book of Colossians	Scrub nursery tops
Next Door Savior-Max Lucado	Bible study	Thanksgiving Dinner	Ice Cream runs
What's So Amazing About Grace	Discussed world view	Christmas Dinner	Picnics
Book of Galatians	Biblical finances	Football party	Screwtape Letters
Meet with other Life Groups	Book of Daniel	Girls' night out	Book of James
Out to eat together	Book of Romans	Taco Dinners	Purpose Driven Life
Discuss sermon	Christmas party	Book of 1 Thessalonians	Crown Financial
Philip Yancey-Prayer	Summer party	Spiritual Gifts	House or Home
John MacArthur-1 Corinthians	Landscape church	Game nights	Raising modern Day Josephs
Social Nights	Canned food drive	Book of Genesis	Bringing Up Boys
Community service projects	Election party	Book of Mark	Bowling
Visit retirement home	Girls night	The Truth Project	Go carts
Movies	Guys night	Cults/World Religions	Adopt-a-Family
Fish fry	Men's Bible Study	Scrub toilets	Luncheons
Fun nights	Women's Bible study	Meals for others	

LIFE GROUP SUMMARIES

GROUP	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	AVERAGE AGE OF MEMBERS	RANGE OF MEMBERS AGES	AGE OF LEADER	GROUP STARTED	PROJECTED REPRODUCTION	SPIRITUAL MATURITY
BOAN	20	50	33-73	47	2007	WINTER 2009	Early Years 2 Middle Years 14 Later Years 4
BUNCE	16	33	27-40	37	2004	FALL 2010	Follow-up 10 Early Years 3 Middle Years 3
CROSS	16	33	26-49	49	2007	WINTER 2009	Early Years 14 Middle years 2
DAVIS	10	56	44-79	55	2007	FALL 2010	Middle Years 4 Later Years 6
GRABER	9	28	26-29	28	2005	FALL 2010	Early Years 7 Middle Years 2
HICKEY	17	47	30-60	54	2008	FALL 2009	Follow-up 1 Early Years 5 Middle Years 7 Later Years 4
HOKUF	11	32	26-46	28	2005	FALL 2010	Discovery 1 Follow-up 2 Early Years 2 Middle Years 4 Later Years 2
MCCREIGHT	11	39	25-53	40	2003	FALL 2010	Early Years 7 Middle Years 4
MYERS	16	30	23-50	27	2007	WINTER 2009	Discovery 1 Early Years 15
SINGLETON	14	54	50-62	53	2007	SUMMER 2009	Early Years 2 Middle Years 2 Later Years 10
SMITLEY	12	27	22-37	27	2008	WINTER 2010	Early Years 5 Middle Years 4 Later Years 3

OBSERVATIONS

Our Life Groups are numerous:

- 11 groups meeting Sunday through Thursday

Our Life Groups are diverse in terms of ages:

- 2 Life Groups whose average age is below 30
- 6 Life Groups whose average age is between 30 and 40
- 1 Life Group whose average age is between 40 and 50
- 2 Life Groups whose average age is between 50 and 60

4 Life Groups are spiritually fairly homogeneous

- The Boans, Cross', Grabers', and Myers'.

7 Life Groups are spiritually diverse

- Bunces, Davis, Hickey, Hokuf, McCreight, Singletons, and Smitley

The Bunce's group is composed of primarily young believers

- 10 members in Follow-up

The Boan's group is composed of primarily spiritually mature members

- 14 in their Middle Years

2 Life Groups have non-Christians attending them

- The Hokufs and the Myers

3 Life Groups are planning to reproduce this January

- The Boan's, Cross', and Myers

2 Life Groups will reproduce by next September

- The Hickey's and Singletons

5 Life Groups are below the average for their size

- Davis, Grabers, Hokufs, McCreights, and Smitleys

5 Life Groups are above average for their size

- Boans', Bunces', Cross', Hickeys', and Myers
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CONCLUSIONS

3 Life Groups should be helped through the reproduction process in the coming months in terms of how to divide, who should lead, issues they might face as they move through the Discover Phase as new groups:

- Boans', Cross', and Myers

2 Life Groups should benefit from their experience as they prepare for their own reproduction in the fall

- Hickey and Singletons

The Bunce's group could likely benefit from training for helping people in the follow-up stage

Leadership Skills the teams requested most

- Training
- Developing Questions
- Teaching
- Discipling
- Bible Content

How the Life Group leaders felt the Leadership Team could better serve their Life Groups

- Provide study material, resources, Bible studies, Video series, topics to discuss
- Training as to how to form accountability within the group
- How to plan out their yearly schedule
- How to identify and train new leaders
- A place where they can go for resources, questions, and feedback
- How they develop application questions and deepen their discussions
- How to recruit new members
- Periodic visits to the group to help it be more effective
- Newsletters with examples and encouraging stories of how a Life Group has impacted its members

Several groups should be able to recruit a total of 52 new members to our Life Groups

- Boans' - dividing in January, possibly 8 new members
- Cross' - dividing in January, possibly 12 new members
- Myers - dividing in January, possibly 12 new members
- Davis - only have 10 members, possibly 4 new members
- Grabers - only have 9 members, possibly 5-6 new members
- Hokufs - only have 11 members, possibly 3-4 new members
- McCreights - only have 11 members, possibly 3-4 new members
- Smitleys - only have 12 members, possibly 2 new members