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# Life Group Leader Notes

Our groups should last between 1 to 1 ½ hours.

## Welcome (5 Minutes)

Greetings and welcome to our Abundant Life Group. On behalf of the ALWC Family and Pastoral team, we welcome you. Our Abundant Life Groups are a place to “connect, protect, and grow”. We are connecting with each other in friendship and care, we protect one another by maintaining a safe atmosphere for all our guests, and we grow by being open to spiritual growth and discipleship in Christ, by fully engaging in the group activities. Let’s open in prayer.

## Lead Prayer and Worship (5 Minutes)

Welcome the presence of the Lord through prayer and singing unto the Lord.

## I Have Been Given Series Key Thought

The Gospel will bring impact and wholeness to all dimensions of the human life and experience, because in the Gospel, we are fully exposed to the righteousness of God, through faith.

## The Word of God (20 to 30 Minutes)

In the book of John chapter 15 Jesus shares with His disciples the process that they would need to follow to receive His Joy, and that their joy be full. That process is called abiding in Christ, His Word, and His Love. Abiding in Christ is only available to those that believe in the Gospel of Jesus and receive him by faith.

*Foundation Scriptures: Romans 1:16, John 15:1-11*

### The Simple Gospel

- Man has been flawed by sin.
- Man, in and of himself cannot deal with the problem of Sin
- God loves man enough to give Himself (in the form of Jesus) for mankind's redemption.
- Any man/woman that will **receive** Jesus as Lord and savior is (SAVED) restored to their rightful position as a son/daughter of God.
- To receive Jesus as Lord is to identify with His death, by dying to sin and the sin nature, then identifying with His Resurrection and being raised to new life in Him.
- ALWC guiding principle #3, ***It was Jesus’ purpose to give Abundant Life, which begins at the moment of redemption/salvation. John 10:10***

**John 15:1-11** – Salvation brings us a divine and eternal connection with God through Jesus Christ.

1. We are to abide in the following things:
  - a. Abide in Christ (being In Christ as your identity)
  - b. Abide in the Word (following His Word)
  - c. Abide in Christs Love (process your emotions through your redemption in Christ)
2. **V11 – The Purpose of Abiding in Christ, is to produce a fullness of Joy in the Life of the Believer.**
  - a. The Joy of Jesus abides in us
  - b. And that our joy may be full in him.

**Nehemiah 8:10 – 11.** We are going to activate the Joy of the Lord.

1. Begin daily abiding in Christ,
  - a. Starting your day with prayer and praise
  - b. Meditate on the Word throughout your day
  - c. Put a minimum of three praise breaks on your calendar/phone
2. Celebrate the blessings God has given you.
  - a. Stop being focused on everything wrong and begin practicing a thankful attitude
  - b. Celebrate your blessings daily
  - c. Share your blessing by prophesy over the people in your Oikos
3. Find someone else to bless

### Time of Ministry (10 – 15 Minutes)

Minister to the individual needs of those in the group, by leading them into encounter with God through prayer. Praying one for another. *(At the close of this time, allow attendees to share testimonies concerning anything that happened to or for them during the message or ministry time.)*

### Closing Prayer and Call for the Lost

Before we leave this evening, one of the reasons for our groups is to help people become disciples of Christ so that they can fulfill their God-given destiny in life. If there is anyone here that has never received Christ as their Lord and Savior, and would like to enter into their destiny by receiving Him, we want to pray for you.