



**Winter 2012
Group Catalog**



TAG groups begin the week of February 12, 2012. Group sign-ups will take place from January 29 through February 12. Sign-ups may be done in persona on Sundays after each service or online from our website, www.LifeWayConnect.com, any time during that time period.

Cost is a suggested donation of \$10 per group participant, to be collected at the time of sign-up. As always, we do not want money to be a deciding factor for anyone's participation, so please contact Heather Althoff, Director of Community Life, if this would be a hardship.

All group materials will be delivered at your first group meeting.

Each group will make arrangements for childcare based on the group's needs. Therefore, please indicate whether or not you will be needing childcare when you sign up.

For questions, contact Heather Althoff, Director of Community Life, at halthoff@LifeWayConnect.com or (253) 414-3195.

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For Women

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Ruth: Loss, Love, and Legacy
(morning or evening)



Ruth: Loss, Love, and Legacy (evening)

This group is for women who enjoy the encouragement of other women in tough times. This group will be studying Ruth's journey of unbearable loss, redeeming love, and divine legacy by delving into the virtuous character of Ruth, her unique relationship with her mother-in-law Naomi, and her blossoming love with Boaz. If you've ever felt devastated, struggled as a stranger, longed to be loved, or wept along the way, you'll find a loyal sister in Ruth.

- Leader: Cheryl Stuberg
- Location: LifeWay Church Annex
- Time: Mondays at 7 p.m.
- Group maximum: 12
- Study time outside of group: 15 min/day



Calm My Anxious Heart

This group is for women who struggle with the worries of life. Women fret about our children, our friends, our careers, our spouses---the list goes on and on! If you're tired of being held hostage to a million "what-ifs," this group will provide the help you need to exchange your anxieties for godly peace and contentment.

- Leader: Pamela Golliet
- Location: LifeWay Church Sanctuary
- Time: Mondays at 10 a.m.
- Group maximum: 12
- Study time outside of group: 15 min/day



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- Leader: Betty Wentz
- Location: LifeWay Church Sanctuary
- Time: Wednesdays at 10 a.m.
- Group maximum: 12
- Study time outside of group: 15 min/day



First Steps

This group is for anyone who is new to the faith or new to LifeWay Church. The study begins with a review of what it means to be a Christian, followed by discussions of baptism, communion, and spiritual growth. The group will finish with sessions focusing specifically on what it means to be part of the LifeWay team. This group includes the opportunity to become a member of the church. We will begin each evening with dinner, followed by group learning, discussion, and questions.



- Leader: Billy Arnold and Heather Althoff
- Location: Arnold Home – Federal Way
- Time: Wednesdays at 6 p.m. (dinner) / 6:30 p.m. (study)
- Group maximum: 15
- Study time outside of group: none



The God Questions

This group provides a welcoming place for people to openly discuss their real questions about God and his followers. It is both the ideal place for Christ-followers to learn how to answer life's great questions about God and also the ideal place to bring a friend or family member who is searching for answers. Explore questions like, "Is God real?" "Can't all roads lead to heaven?" "How can a good God allow suffering?" and any others you want to bring.

- Leader: Cindy Wernet
- Location: Wernet Home – Federal Way
- Time: Saturdays at 9:30 a.m.
- Group maximum: 8
- Study time outside of group: 30 min/week



Bible Basics

This group is for anyone who would like to understand more about the Bible, including how we got the Bible, why we can trust it, and how to read it. Group members will practice daily reading of different parts of the Bible and have a chance to share what they have learned, as well as any struggles or questions they encounter.



- Leader: Heather Althoff, Mike Freeman, Cindy Wernet (TBD)

- Location: LifeWay Church

- Time: Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

- Group maximum: 12

- Study time outside of group: 15 min/day



The Sermon on the Mount

This group is for people who are excited to simply study the Bible itself, learning to understand God's message directly from his own words. Group members will simply practice using a simple Bible study method to find God's message for us in Jesus' sermon known as the Sermon on the Mount, beginning in Matthew 5. Together, group members will be able to practice, learn, and

discuss God's revelation of himself and his plan for us directly from the scriptures.

- Leader: Rick Krekel

- Location: Krekel Home – Federal Way

- Time: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

- Group maximum: 8

- Study time outside of group: 1-1.5 hrs/week



The Life You've Always Wanted

This group is for those who are looking for a relationship with God that impacts not just their spiritual life but every aspect of living. The heart of Christianity is transformation, and in this DVD-based study, pastor John Ortberg discusses God's power to bring change and growth, and reveals both the how and why of transformation. This group offers modern perspectives on the

ancient path of the spiritual disciplines, and serves as a road map toward true transformation that starts not with the individual but with the object of the journey, Jesus Christ.

- Leader: Mark and Heidi Neidlinger

- Location: Neidlinger Home – NE Tacoma

- Time: Sundays at 5 p.m.

- Group maximum: 10

- Study time outside of group: 1 hr/week



Love and Respect

This group is for couples who are looking to understand and communicate with one another in a more meaningful and godly way. The words love and respect surface in social research and the Bible as the key ingredients to a successful marriage. This DVD-based

study features Dr. Emerson Eggerichs unpacking five of the principles that he writes about in his book, *Love and Respect*. The group will have a chance to learn, discuss, and grow together.

- Leader: Joel and Carrie Adrian

- Location: Kramer Home – Federal Way

- Time: Sundays at 6:30 p.m.

- Group maximum: 12

- Study time outside of group: 1 hr/week



The Hole in Our Gospel

This group is a second chance for people who were not here or able to do this study with the entire church last spring. In this life-changing study, group members are challenged to understand and respond to God's heart for the poor and oppressed. The stories, scripture and statistics will inspire you to see God's heart for the poor and respond with wholehearted obedience to a complete gospel.

- Leader: Jim Folger
- Location: Folger Home – Federal Way
- Time: Sundays at 2 p.m.
- Group maximum: 6
- Study time outside of group: 45 min/week



Where Faith and Culture Meet

This group is for anyone who is interested in the way Christ-followers can and are creatively reaching out to interact with the non-Christian culture around them. This DVD-based study helps group members experience and envision how followers of Christ can be a counterculture for the common good. Together you will experience stories of believers who changed the culture around them. You'll watch and discuss how their journeys unfolded, their challenges, and their breakthroughs.

- Leader: Sandy Starkey
- Location: Parodi Home – Federal Way
- Time: Sundays at 1 p.m. (lunch) / 1:30 p.m. (study)
- Group maximum: 10
- Study time outside of group: 30 min/week



Let the Nations Be Glad!

This group is for those who are interested in an advanced study of world missions. This DVD-based study features pastor John Piper offering a biblical defense of God's supremacy in all things, providing members with a sound theological foundation for missions. The topics, which correspond to Piper's best-selling book, include defining missions and defining peoples, the urgency of missions, the goal and the fuel of missions, prayer, and suffering.

- Leader: Don Turner
- Location: LifeWay Church
- Time: Tuesdays at 7 p.m.
- Group maximum: 10
- Study time outside of group: 15 min/day



Short-Term Missions Training

This group is for anyone who would like to become more missions-minded. The group is designed so that each member of a missions team from LifeWay Church, no matter where they are going in missions (locally, regionally, cross-culturally, or globally), learns to live and breath and think like a "missionary." This is a working TAG group, and members must complete required projects and homework assignments.

- Leader: Billy Arnold
- Location: LifeWay Church Annex
- Time: Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.
- Group maximum: 12
- Study time outside of group: 1 hr/week



Real-Life Evangelism

This group is for anyone who is ready to take seriously God's call to share his good news with the people in their life. Many Christians are intimidated by evangelism or simply unaware of how to do it effectively. This group will encourage its members to naturally and lovingly share the gospel by walking through the process together, including prayer, preparation, relationship

building, sharing your story, and sharing God's story.

- Leader: Mike Freeman
- Location: LifeWay Church
- Time: Sundays at 6:30 p.m.
- Group maximum: 12
- Study time outside of group: 1 hr/week



Boundaries

This group is for anyone who has trouble saying no. In this DVD-based study, Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend offer biblically-based answers to questions such as, "Can you set limits and still be a loving person?" "Are you in control of your life?" "What are legitimate boundaries?" "Do people take advantage of you?"

and, "How do you answer someone who wants your time, love, energy, and money?" Group members will be encouraged as they learn how to set healthy boundaries with parents, spouses, children, friends, coworkers, and even themselves. This group is appropriate for men, women, and teens.

- Leader: Denyce Sprecher
- Location: LifeWay Church Annex
- Time: Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.
- Group maximum: 10
- Study time outside of group: 1-2 hr/week



The Christian Atheist

This group is for anyone who believes in God but wants to live a more authentic, God-honoring life. This group will look into the ways people believe in God but live as if he doesn't exist. Maybe you believe in God, attend church when it's convenient, and generally treat people with kindness. But have you surrendered to God completely, living every day depending upon the Holy

Spirit? In this DVD-based study, pastor Craig Groeschel will urge group members to be more than just "Christian" in name, to be honest before God, and to break free of hypocrisy.

- Leader: Dan and Sheila DeVries
- Location: DeVries Home – West Auburn
- Time: Sundays at 4 p.m.
- Group maximum: 14
- Study time outside of group: 15 min/day



Freed-Up Financial Living

This group addresses personal finances from a Christian perspective. It builds a biblical foundation for a proper relationship to money and possessions. The material encourages the application of lessons on earning, giving, saving, debt, and spending to help group members create a personal spending plan and, ultimately, reach their financial goals.

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- Leader: Chris Berry
- Location: Berry Home – West Auburn
- Time: Saturdays at 10 a.m.
- Group maximum: 8
- Study time outside of group: 2 hr/week