

Life Group Curriculum Choices

Designed for D.Y.N.A.M.I.C. Life

Calvary's approved curriculum list supports the seven biblical habits necessary to living D.Y.N.A.M.I.C. life in Christ. These seven habits are found in Acts 2 and are also known as Calvary's "Mission Measures." D.Y.N.A.M.I.C. life consist of:

Delights in God's Truth - Learning
Yearns for Intimacy with God – Praying
Nurtures Authentic Relationships – Relating
Actively Serves Others – Serving
Magnifies God with Passion – Praising
Invests in God's Kingdom – Giving
Contagiously Influences Others – Sharing

If you have a study that you would like to teach that is not on the current approved curriculum list, please contact Danny Bennett, Pastor of Life Development at dbennett@calvarybaptist.org, or your Community Leader. Calvary will cover the cost of the Leaders Guide, DVD, or Video. Participant guides and workbooks can be ordered by the church, but the cost of these items will need to be covered by the participants. Calvary fully covers the cost of both the leader and participant's guides to LifeWay's *Explore the Bible* or *Family Bible Study* series.

One of the best resources for finding excellent studies for your Life Group is at www.groupcurriculum.org. You can type in a keyword and find the right study for your group. It is a great resource provided by North Point Church where Andy Stanley is the Pastor.

Why Calvary Has an Approved Curriculum List?

Keeps Us on Track
Keeps Us Accountable
Keeps Us having "Open Groups"
Keeps Us Cost Effective

Approved Life Group Curriculum

Delights in God's Truth: Learning

- **"Developing a Faith that Works: The Book of James: Volumes 1 & 2"** by Rick Warren (12 weeks) - This will engage your small group in an enriching verse by verse study of the book of James using a video-based curriculum taught by Rick Warren. An accompanying study guide has lesson outlines with fill-ins to complete during the teaching and discussion questions.
- **"A Spiritual Road Map in a Mixed Up World: 1 Thessalonians, Volumes 1 & 2"** by Rick Warren - This video study series unpacks important topics for the development of Christian character such as spiritual growth, discipleship, pure motives, spiritual reproduction, and love for people while engaging participants in deeper study, application, and prayer.

- **“Theological Foundations”** by Tom Holladay and Kay Warren – This 24 session video based study will take you for a thought-provoking, life-changing exploration of 11 core Christian truths such as the Bible, God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, creation, salvation, good & evil, the afterlife, and the second coming.
- **“A Life Well Lived: Study of Ecclesiastes”** by Tommy Nelson (12 Sessions) – This study will take you on a journey via King Solomon, that will unlock the keys to discovering God’s wisdom for making a life well lived.
- **“Great Books of the Bible Series”** by Zondervan Publishing. These are great soft cover study guide books you can easily use to help lead your group through certain books of the Bible. These study guides offer great insights and good discussion questions.
 - John: An Intimate Look at the Savior, by Kevin G. Harney, 13 sessions
 - Revelation: When All Things Become New, by Joseph M. Stowell, 12 sessions.
 - Proverbs: Wisdom for Everyday Life, by Walter C. Kaiser Jr., 6 sessions.
 - Psalms: Heart to Heart with God, by Walter C. Kaiser Jr., 12 sessions.
 - Philippians: Joy Under Pressure, by Tim Stafford, 6 sessions.
 - Romans: Seeing the World Through God’s Eyes, by Marshall Shelly, 13 sessions.
 - Ephesians: Bringing Heaven to Earth, by Kevin G. Harney, 6 sessions.
 - James: Real Faith for the Real World, by Tim Stafford, 5 sessions.
- **“Beginning Life Together”** by LifeTogether (6 sessions) – Video series that takes the Great Commandment and the Great Commission to explain the essence or goal of life.
- **“The Life You’ve Always Wanted”** by John Ortberg (6 Sessions) – This DVD study teaches you the skills essential to “running the marathon” in the Christian life: slowing down, celebrating joy, practicing prayer, studying Scripture, and trusting God.
- **“If You Want to Walk on Water, You’ve Got to Get Out of the Boat”** by John Ortberg (6 Sessions) – This DVD teaches participants the skills essential to “water-walking” in faith with God: discerning God’s call, transcending fear, risking faith, managing failure, and trusting God.
- **“The Purpose Driven Life”** by Rick Warren (6 sessions) – An all-time GREAT study that will harness the momentum and excitement that comes from knowing what God wants in the lives of His people.
- **“Know Fear”** by Ed Young Jr. (6 sessions) – A DVD 40 Day Experience identifying God’s clear, relevant principles to overcoming six common anxieties, fears, and phobias many Christians face today.
- **“Discovering God’s Will”** by Andy Stanley (8 sessions) – This DVD study will help you understand how to determine God’s will for your life, especially when you need to make a decision quickly.
- **“The Sinai Code”** by Andy Stanley (5 sessions) – In this DVD study, Andy Stanley dispels the common misconceptions about the ten commandments and reveals the role that they should play in our lives today.
- **“Uprising: A Revolution of the Soul”** by Erwin McManus (6 sessions) – This DVD study will challenge you to allow God to transform your character to be more like His.
- **“Explore the Bible”** by LifeWay – Systematic and comprehensive study of both the Old and New Testaments. Takes you book by book through the Bible.
- **“Family Bible Study”** by LifeWay – A topical Bible Study planned around a biblical worldview with specific lessons on Books of the Bible, people,

doctrine, history, and classic Bible passages. Family Bible Study series is closely-graded to these specific studies "Life Answers: Ages 18-30," "Life Truths: Ages 31-54," "Life Ventures: Ages 55 and up."

- Visit www.serendipityhouse.com for more **Biblical Studies**

Years for Intimacy with God: Praying

- **"When God's People Pray"** by Jim Cymbala (6 Sessions) – Learn to turn prayer from a mere activity into a vital link with God and all His resources.
- **"Growing to be Like Christ"** by LifeTogether Series (6 sessions) – This video series will equip you to the basic habits for spiritual growth.
- **"The Prayer of Jesus: Living the Lord's Prayer"** by Ken Hemphill (6 sessions) – Six video segments bring out fresh insights in a timeless passage of Scripture that deals with reasons prayer doesn't seem to work and realities, responsibilities, requests, and reminders from the prayer of Jesus.
- **"The Prayer of Jabez"** by Bruce Wilkinson (8 sessions) – An in-depth video series that looks at the four requests of Jabez and discovers how powerfully they can work in your life.
- **"Prayer: Too Busy Not to Pray"** by Bill Hybels (6 sessions) – These studies are designed to help people slow down and listen to God. As a result you will grow closer to God and experience the benefits of spending time with Him.

Nurtures Authentic Community: Relating

- **"Connecting with God's Family"** by LifeTogether (6 sessions) – Video series designed to address the felt need of relationships, belonging and community in every persons life.
- **"What's So Amazing About Grace"** by Philip Yancey (10 Sessions) – This DVD study offers intimate glimpses of God's life-changing grace. Using candid interviews with real people, he illustrates the power of God to forgive the most horrible deeds, love the unloving, and redeem the seemingly irredeemable.
- **"Boundaries"** by Cloud & Townsend (8 sessions) – This video series gives great insight and practical wisdom into the God-given gift of boundaries. Everyone needs to have physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual boundaries.
- **"Choosing to Live the Blessing: Bring the Gift of Light and Life to Every Relationship"** by John Trent (6 sessions) – This video driven study helps Christians understand that choosing to live the blessing is nothing less than a choice to live the love of Jesus in every relationship.
- **"I Love You More"** by Dr. Les Parrott III, Dr. Leslie Parrott (6 Sessions) – Discover how the same forces that can tear down a marriage can become the catalyst for new relational depth and richness—provided you learn the secrets to using everyday problems to strengthen your marriage. In this DVD study explore how a marriage survives and thrives when a couple learns to use problems to boost their love life, to literally love each other more.
- **"Making Love Last Forever"** by Gary Smalley (12 sessions) – These video vignettes will help lead married couples to understand happiness as it relates to them individually and to their relationships.
- **"Effective Parenting in a Defective World"** by Chip Ingram (9 sessions) – This video driven resource will help moms and dads find clear outlines for roles they and God play in the parenting process as well as discover practical lessons on discipline, attitudes, and simple keys that they will cling to when the going gets tough.

- **“Parenting: The Early Years”** by Drs. Les & Leslie Parrott (6 sessions) – Discover 10 Biblical traits that will make you a better person and better parent through this reality TV style DVD study.
- **“Five Love Languages of Teenagers”** by Gary Chapman (6 sessions) – This DVD driven study will help parents improve their relationship with their teen as they become aware of, and fluent in, their child’s primary love language.
- **“Parental Guidance Required”** by Andy Stanley (6 sessions) – Discover in this DVD study how you can deliberately influence your child’s life.

Actively Serves Others: Serving

- **“Developing your Shape for Ministry”** by LifeTogether Series (6 sessions) – This video led series will have your group not just discovering their gifts but doing something with their gifts.
- **“Serving Lessons”** by Bill Hybels (6 sessions) – A wonderful interactive Bible Study on serving and what the Bible has to say about it.

Magnifies God with Passion: Praising

- **“Gripped By The Greatness of God”** by LifeWay (7 sessions) – DVD study by James MacDonald that expounds upon Isaiah’s encounters with God. Discover the wonder of God’s holiness, awesomeness, sovereignty, and other attributes that draw forth worship and result in changed lives gripped by God’s greatness.
- **“Surrendering Your Life for God’s Pleasure”** by LifeTogether Series (6 sessions) – This DVD driven study will help you experience the transforming power of a surrendered life. As you learn to worship Jesus throughout your daily life, you will come to trust Him with the experiences of your past, the precious things of your present, and your hopes for the future.

Invests in God’s Kingdom: Giving

- **“Take It To The Limit”** by Andy Stanley (6 Sessions) – This DVD study is designed to prevent those and help those whose schedules are too full and whose checking accounts are too empty.
- **“Discovering God’s Way of Handling Money”** by Crown Financial (8 sessions) – A video series that will help you discover how managing your money has a profound impact on your relationship with God.

Contagiously Influences Others: Sharing

- **“Sharing Your Life Mission Every Day”** by LifeTogether Series (6 sessions) – This video based study will equip you to extend God’s love to seekers around you and talk about your experience with God in ways that people will understand.
- **“Becoming a Contagious Christian”** by Mark Mittelberg (8 sessions) – A video based resource that will equip believers for effective evangelism by showing them how they can share their faith in a natural and powerful way while being the person God make them to be.
- **“Faith Under Fire: Faith & Facts”** by Lee Strobel (4 Sessions) - Faith Under Fire 2: Faith & Facts Four sessions on the Bible, heaven, hell, and science
- **“Faith Under Fire: Tough Faith Questions”** by Lee Strobel (4 Sessions) - Faith Under Fire 3: Tough Faith Questions Four sessions on forgiveness, pain and suffering, the Trinity, and Islam