

LIFE Group Leader Handout

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The Abundant Life

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Scripture--John 10:10, Psalm 127:1

10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

*1 Unless the Lord builds the house,
those who build it labor in vain.
Unless the Lord watches over the city,
the watchman stays awake in vain.*

Main Idea--Living a Life of Meaning and Purpose

1. Abundance:
2. Foundation:
3. Four Spiritual Disciplines or Pillars:
 - Be in the habit of Making God The Priority of your life. Matt 6:33
 - Be in the habit of Reading the Bible.
 - Be in the habit of Praying Regularly.
 - Be in the habit of Saying Yes to Jesus.

Application--

- Are you making God the priority of your life?
- Have you asked Jesus how you can serve him and others?
- Have you made a plan for reading the Bible every day? What can you do to make that happen?
- Make a plan to pray regularly.

Fearless Leaders...

As you likely heard in service last Sunday, this week is my last on staff at Island Christian Church. I have been blessed to serve as Small Group Coordinator for the last seven years, but feel like it is time to return to my nursing career and see what God has in store for me in that. He has been so faithful to the ministry, and to me, over these years. And I am confident that He will continue to work through small groups to engage the hearts of believers and unbelievers alike. I am excited to see how Suzie, your new coordinator, will be the new champion of the small group ministry here. She has such an advantage in knowing the in's and outs of working at church, and along with her husband Lou, is already a small group leader. Suzie values this ministry as much as Pastor Mike, Pastor Joe and I do. I know you will extend to her the kindness and encouragement that you've always shown me.

Dan, Timothy and I plan to continue to worship here at ICC, and I will continue to lead my Women's Group and participate in Women's Ministry here. Those are areas that I feel a continued calling to serve. God has done an astounding work in us as we've grown here, and we know He is faithful to see it through to completion.

I hope you'll pray for me as I make this transition. Pray also for Suzie, as she takes on this new role and the adjustments she'll make and new things to learn. Pray for Pastor Mike, Pastor Joe, and all the pastors as they continue to be on the frontlines of assimilating newcomers and bringing the Word to our community. Pray for our church staff, that they will be a cohesive team and serve the Lord to the best of their ability.

And this is my prayer for you, from Ephesians 3: "For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith--that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

Thank you for your love and support, and thank you for the work you do every week as you lead your small groups. I think you're awesome!

Soli Deo Gloria,
Cindy