

**Life Together Group  
Week of October 11**

**Connect Together: Practice Contagious Fellowship (10 min)**

When did you receive (or purchase) your first Bible? **or**

Was the Bible read in your home when you were a child?

**Grow Together: Practice Intentional Faith Development (35 min)**

**Say the memory verse together:**

*A voice cries out: in the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
(Isaiah 40:3)*

**Read the Sunday Text: Isaiah 40:1-11**

**Summarize the Sunday message**

1. What insights do you have or what applications are you working on from the Sunday message or the Transformation Journal?
2. In your group, help one another understand specifically what the events of the Exodus and the Exile were. It is around these two events that most of the Old Testament revolves. Most people, however, are rather “fuzzy” about these events, – especially the Exile.
3. How can events that happened around 2600 (the Exile) – 3300 (The Exodus) years ago be relevant to our time today? Why is the Bible “Scripture” and not just some literary classic?
4. What is your biggest obstacle to “taking the stage” that is the unfolding drama of the Bible? What is the difference between seeing the Bible as a drama that you are a part of and a book to draw principles for life from?
5. What is hope and how do you receive it? What is the role of Scripture in terms of giving hope? What is the difference between hope and wishful thinking?

**Serve and Share Together – Practice Risk-taking Mission and Service (10 min)**

With whom are you called to stand?

Who does Jesus miss most?

What boundaries do you need to cross to stand with those Jesus misses most?

How can you begin or continue to develop these relationships to not only “stand with people” but also seek ways to include them in your life together?

**Reach Out Together – Practice Radical Hospitality (10)**

Continue to raise the question who else can we invite to take part in our group.

**Worship Together – Practicing Passionate Worship (10 min)**

Offer a closing prayer and then divide into groups of two or three to share prayer concerns.

**Assignments for next Week**

Refreshments \_\_\_\_\_

Summarize Sunday Message \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_