

ENERGIZER CHURCH

LIFE GROUP

Message Application Guide (M.A.G.)

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Title: The Other Side (3/3)

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Scriptures: Psalm 23; Luke 8:26-39; Ephesians 2:10

CONNECT WITH ONE ANOTHER

Welcome LG members and visitors as they arrive, and introduce members to each other (if they still don't know each other), particularly, the new comers.

Light snacks may be served as members arrived, or may be served after the Works part.

CONNECT WITH THE SUNDAY'S MESSAGE

Open with a statement about the purpose of a Life Group, and Prayer.

You may start with a short teaser, a story, a testimony, a cartoon, an imaginary situation, something that would serve as an opener to the Word Application.

You may use the illustration about a "performance car" (that Pastor Dave described).

CONNECT WITH GOD'S MESSAGE FOR YOU

The leader or somebody shall state in one sentence the preacher's message that Sunday.

Jesus wants you to experience joy despite circumstances and have victory in the middle of a battle.

The key Scripture, Psalm 23:4; Luke 8:26-39, shall be read by a volunteer, or by an appointed member.

*The leader shall then state the main points for personal reflection, and encourage members to **reflect or discuss** together for applications to specific life situations. The group members will take turns to share:*

"I learned..." (What the message meant to me)

"I feel/think that..." (What I'll do with God's Word for me)

Comments on Ephesians 2:10, by Jamieson, Fausset & Brown:

"God both makes ready by His providence the opportunities for the works, and makes us ready for their performance."

Main Points: Why go to the "other side?"

- I. Go to the other side because you are ready to perform.
 - a. Luke 8:26-29; Ephesians 2:10
 - b. "There is a world of opportunity out there and in Jesus you've got what it takes and you are ready to perform."

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- II. Go to the other side because you can bring a solution.
 - a. Luke 8:37-39
 - b. “This city needs more ‘other side’ Christians.”
 - c. The fish “net” catches fish indiscriminately.
- III. Go to the other side because you can proclaim what Jesus has done for you.
 - a. Luke 8:39
 - b. Jesus told this man (ex-Legion) to go home and tell others what Jesus has done for him.
 - c. “There is nothing more powerful than your story.”

Conclusion/Challenge:

- “Will you go to the other side?” Will you go beyond your challenges and your storms, your family, your house?
- “... you can have a solution, you can have a future, you can have a story, you can have a legacy.”

- **A verse from the Scripture lessons may be memorized as a first application of the Word.** (If there is a need to dig deeper into the Word, and extend the application further, the leader should prepare for this option. You may use W, W,W,W, & H questions: Who? What? Where? When? How? Whichever is appropriate.) And for application: So what? What then?

CONNECT WITH REAL LIFE CONCERNS

Life Group is about Life Change/Transformation. The wise person applies the Word of God (Matthew 5:24). We were created to do good works (Ephesians 2:10). Obeying God’s Word is the sure path to becoming like Jesus--the path to faith, hope, and love. We rely on the Holy Spirit to transform us and to empower us to do our Father’s will.

- **Connecting others to God, to LG, and the church:** Pray that God will give you an opportunity to have a positive influence in the lives of some people this week—through your presence, prayer, and personal testimony of your experience with God.
- **Summarize** the applications for mutual support, reminder, and prayer.
- **Group Application:** Make a group commitment to apply the message. If the LG has agreed to do a particular task/project, the members may verbalize their commitment together:
- “This week we will...”
- **Personal Application::** If you feel/think that the members of the LG are ready to share their personal projects/plans/resolutions to do something specific, you may encourage each one, or those who are ready, to share:
- “This week I will...”

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- *Keep a journal, cards, or a log book to record Group Application and Personal Application for prayer and tracking of progress. Report to the LG about the group application progress, and give opportunity to members to share about their personal application progress. Encourage members to keep a journal of their LG prayers, and progress.*
- *Pray in pairs or in group of 3s for each other. After the prayers, the leader may lead, or appoint somebody to close in prayer.*
- *(Application in Progress: Be sure to allow members to update the LG about their "personal application" during the succeeding meetings. The leader or somebody shall report about the progress of the "Group Application".)*

Dismissal: The greeting of peace/blessing.

The LG leader may declare and express the greeting, and members may also express their greetings to each other.

(Those who wish to go ahead may go and those who wish to stay and linger, may remain.)