

ReGroup – Session 1 “Getting Connected – God’s Purpose for a Small Group”

Participant Sheet = *Make copies for each person in your New Life Small Group*

Greetings! This resource is designed to be training for both members and leaders, so the entire group can see, learn, and understand the essential elements for successful, growing small groups – *together!*

WELCOME: Greet everyone and let them know that for these next 4 times together we’ll be learning together how to make our small group even better! Emphasize the importance of everyone being there for these 4 times and then use the current SG Guide to stress any current church wide announcements. (5 minutes)

WORSHIP: Pick a song you like from the New Life Sm. Group Worship CD. (5 minutes)

WATCH: “Segment One: Why Groups?” (8 minutes)

TALK: Share your names (if a new small group) and talk about your responses to any of the things shared in the interviews. (10 minutes)

WATCH: “Segment Two: God’s Purpose for Groups” (12 minutes)

TALK: Pick a word from this list (or select another word not in the list!) that describes your current connection with God and explain why you chose that word (20-25 min)

Close	New	Careful	Disconnected
Intimidating	Boring	Searching	Unsure
Alone	Friendly	Loving	Questioning
Open	Safe	Nonexistent	Angry
Strange	Peaceful	Mysterious	Doubtful
Overwhelming	Afraid	Life-giving	Stagnant
Dynamic	In trouble	Dyn-o-mite!	Other: _____

WATCH: “Segment Three: Closing Thoughts” (3 minutes)

PRAY: Break down into 2’s or 3’s by gender. Tell about one current thing you can be praying for each other about and then genuinely pray for each other! (15-20 minutes)