

LIFE ON LIFE

Life on life happens anytime two or more people get together to discuss the implications of the gospel on a deeply personal level. Life on life can be a one time meeting resulting from a topic that came up in a large group study, or two to three people (of the same gender) meeting together on a regular basis for mutual encouragement and accountability in the gospel.

If you want to make Life on Life a regular part of your gospel rhythm, here are some elements you might want to consider.

LIFE ON LIFE usually takes place on 4 levels.

1. Word
 2. Confession
 3. Mission
 4. Prayer
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WORD

Groups should be in the Word together. This can take a variety of forms, but should primarily be the same for everyone in the group. Re-read the Sunday sermon passage and discuss the 360 Discussion Guide or select a book of the Bible or a reading plan to go through together. Regardless of the method, we desire for our groups to be in the Word.

Spend the opening moments of this gathering discussing any insights you have had during your reading.

Be prepared to ask one another what your reading revealed of Christ and what the Holy Spirit may be leading you to do (in belief or obedience) in light of what you have shared.

CONFESSION

Next, spend some time sharing the areas you have struggled with since your last meeting. After confession and repentance spend time reminding one another of the gospel; reminding one another of the promises and hope found in the work of Christ.

Questions for consideration can be found on the back of this page.

MISSION

Life on Life is also how we spur one another on toward using the everyday and the ordinary aspects of life for mission.

Spend some time sharing with one another the missional opportunities you have had this past week, and what you feel God leading you to do in the weeks to come. Are there any opportunities to bring your believing community into this missional focus?

PRAYER

Finally, pray for one another. Pray for a deepened love for Christ, his people and his mission.

Thank God for bringing you into his family. Thank Christ for being your substitute and for the finished work of the cross. Thank the Spirit for continually shaping you into the image and likeness of Christ.

Share any needs you may have with the group and consider praying, by name, for the lost in your life you have just spoken of.

POTENTIAL ACCOUNTABILITY QUESTIONS

MEN

- What are some areas in your life where you are experiencing genuine gospel transformation?
- How well have you fulfilled your calling to live and act in the world as Christ's representative?
- In light of God's love toward you, do you need to reconcile with someone? Are you subconsciously bearing a grudge? Do you need to forgive anyone? Seek anyone's forgiveness?
- Where are some areas in your life where you are struggling to apply the gospel and find yourself giving in to heart idolatry?
- Did you actively pursue suggestive and sexually alluring material this week? How do you plan on guarding against this temptation in the days and weeks to come?
- Are you spending your free time in an idolatrous way that keeps you from pursuing God's call on your life?
- Have you been a faithful steward of the financial resources God has placed at your disposal? Does your use of money reveal any deep idolatries that need to be exposed and dealt with?
- Have you fulfilled your calling as a husband and father this week?
- How would you describe your current level of intimacy with your wife (spiritually, physically, emotionally)?
- Are there any other questions I should be asking and have you been completely honest?

WOMEN

- Share what the Lord has put on your heart to pray lately.
- Share what the Lord has been teaching you in His Word.
- What adjective would you use to describe your relationship with your husband?
- If you have children, describe how your parenting has been recently.
- Are you currently holding a grudge, anger or unforgiveness towards anyone?
- How has your intimacy with your husband been (spiritually, physically and emotionally)?
- What is one area of life that you feel God calling you into greater holiness and obedience?
- Have you been completely honest?