

Learn to Love

Part 4

Small Group Plan

Pre-Meeting Leader Checklist & Preparations

- Read through the entire Small Group Plan a few days prior to your meeting to ensure that you have a good understanding of what you will be doing and feel confident in leading your group.
- A few days before cell, send a message to your group reminding them of your meeting time and how you will be meeting (online or in person).
- Remind your group that the video for this week was the sermon on Sunday. If they missed it, it is still available on the church website where the other Learn to Love videos are.
- Remind each member to have their Bible, journal, and pen available during your small group time.
- Pray for your small group members.

Homework Review & Accountability (5-15 minutes)

- **Review:** Last week's homework had three parts:
 - Identify a time where you were operating out of a fear bond. Write down how you were feeling and how you reacted. Bring this to Jesus and let Him speak to you.
 - Meditate on Romans 7:14-15. Ask Jesus to speak to you about how He sees you in your weakness.
 - Complete two exercises from the Learn to Love Exercise Book. The exercises are devotional in nature, you can add them to the start of your devotions or do them during a different time. Each exercise should take 5 minutes to complete.
- **Sharing:** Pick ONE thing to share from the homework.

Discussion (10-30 minutes)

- **Sharing:**
Choose 1-2 of the following questions and discuss with your group:
 - What was 1 thing that stuck out to you from the sermon on Sunday?
 - Romans 12:15 says, "*Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep.*" Share from a time when you felt someone did this well towards you and shared your joy/sorrow.
 - Luke 10:25-37 Parable of the Good Samaritan - What lessons did you learn from this parable?
 - How can we all express more compassion and care for one another?
 - How can we work to see each other the way God sees us?

Homework (5-15 minutes)

- Go through the homework together as a group. If you have time, take time to listen in prayer for the first and second points and share what your plan is for this coming week.
 - **Love someone you already know this week.** This could be practical helps (yardwork, grocery shopping, etc.), giving to someone in need, calling someone you haven't talked to for a while, hosting a family for a meal, writing a note, etc. Ask Jesus to show you who to love and how to love them this week. Consider loving someone who is difficult to love or someone who is hurting.
 - **Create belonging with a stranger this week.** Some simple examples would be encouraging a cashier at a store, give a coffee to a homeless person, bring cookies to a neighbor you have never met, leave a note of encouragement on cars in a parking lot, smile at people at the store, give something away for free on VarageSale, etc.
 - **Complete two exercises from the Learn to Love Exercise Book.** The exercises are devotional in nature, you can add them to the start of your devotions or do them during a different time. Each exercise should take 5 minutes to complete.

Prayer Requests (10-20 minutes)

- LOVING LIKE JESUS is impossible without his Holy Spirit. Pray for each other to be filled with the Holy Spirit and that our church body would grow in love towards God, each other and those we meet.
- Share personal prayer requests with each other. What are your biggest personal needs?
- Spend time praying for each other. You may want to break into groups of 2-3 to pray online or ask everyone to turn their speakers down (to avoid feedback) and all pray in unison together. Prayer is VITAL! Let's tap into Jesus through prayer!

Learn to Love Cell Schedule

Date	Cell Activity
May 10 – 16	Learn to Love Lesson 1
May 17 – 23	Learn to Love Lesson 2
May 24 – 30	Learn to Love Lesson 3
May 31 – June 6	Prayer Summit, Wed June 3
June 7 – 13	Learn to Love Lesson 4
June 14 – 20	Learn to Love Lesson 5
June 21 – 27	Learn to Love Lesson 6