



## FACILITATION GUIDE

*For the Life of the World* is a very important and creative series that explores the question, “**What is our Salvation FOR?**” Is it only about personal atonement, and getting to heaven someday? The heart of this series is a *very unique* 7-part video series that will guide us to investigate how **God’s purposes are woven into every area of our lives** -- family, work, education, government, art, recreation, and all of creation! The Bible calls us strangers and pilgrims who are living in a world that is “now and also not yet” God’s Kingdom. We are to be salt and light—to have a transforming presence in our neighborhood and city. In these 7 episodes we’ll learn how our lives on earth matter in God’s plan *for the life of the world*.

### Here are the Video Topics and Scriptures for your group discussion:

Week of September 9-15	EXILES	Jeremiah 29:4-7
Week of September 16-22	LOVE	Matthew 1:18-21, 24-25
Week of September 23-29	CREATIVE SERVICE	Genesis 1:28; 2:8-9, 15-16
Week of September 30 - October 6	ORDER	Psalms 146:5-10
Week of October 7-13	WISDOM	Proverbs 8:1-3, 33-36
Week of October 14-20	WONDER	Psalms 65:4-8
Week of October 21-27	CHURCH	2 Corinthians 5:16-21

#### PLEASE NOTE:

The videos in this series are **very unique**. They are meant to stretch your thinking, to help you discuss the topics with others who may think differently. The videos are available for streaming or downloading here:

[bit.ly/mckinneyflow](http://bit.ly/mckinneyflow)

For this series, we recommend that your group discuss the passage of scripture after it is taught on Sunday. Group members will use a **Community Group Discussion Guide** to copy and paraphrase that Scripture before their group meeting. Copies of the Discussion Guide are available at the Next Step Center in the lobby. For each Scripture, we will provide background information and some insights to clear up possible confusion. That info will be posted each week at [mckinneychurch.com/leaders](http://mckinneychurch.com/leaders)

## 1. What is a *FLOW* Neighborhood Group?

A Neighborhood Group is a safe environment for engaging with Scripture and encouraging discussion and participation. Neighborhood Groups will meet for 7 weeks beginning the week of September 9.

## 2. What does a Neighborhood Group Facilitator do?

A group facilitator will...

- Communicate well with group prospects
- Provide simple hospitality for the first meeting.
- Consider the requirements for streaming and displaying the video.
- Before each meeting, watch the video and complete the Discussion Guide.
- Encourage conversation by being a facilitator, not a teacher.

## 3. Who should you invite to a Neighborhood Group?

A Neighborhood Group is for anyone who has an interest in exploring the Bible and community.

- Ask God to prompt you about who could benefit. (See “Circles of Life” p4)
- Aim for 3-10 participants.
- Invite neighbors, friends, or family members who aren’t in a group.
- You can also open your group to **unconnected people at McKinney**.

## 4. What happens during a Neighborhood Group meeting?

Here is a sample time-line...

- **10 minutes** – Share some snacks and use the **CATCH UP** section of the **Discussion Guide**.
- **25 minutes** – Watch the **VIDEO EPISODE** for the week and ask “**What stood out to you?**”
- **25 minutes** – Use the **Discussion Guide** for the **GOD’S WORDS, MY WORDS,** and **DISCUSSION** of the assigned Scripture portion.
- **10 minutes** – Use the **Discussion Guide** for the **OBEY** and **SHARE** sections. It will be helpful to create **sub-groups of 3-5 people** to increase the level of participation and authenticity.

## 5. How can you make this a great experience for everyone?

A group facilitator will...

- **Set the pace** by engaging with the Scriptures and being authentic about your personal challenges.
- **Share responsibility** for hosting the group meetings, facilitating the discussion, providing the snacks, etc. Use the **Group Calendar** at each group meeting. (See p3)
- **Conclude the series with a social gathering and a serving opportunity.** We will provide your group with information about participating in **SERVOLUTION** at the end of October.
- **Stay in touch with us** regarding any problems or celebrations.  
**NEW Group Hosts** will have a check-up on Sunday, October 7, 9am in room 214.

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# Group Calendar

In healthy groups everyone shares in the responsibilities instead of leaving it up to a few people. Planning ahead can ensure the greatest participation.

At the end of each meeting, review this calendar. Be sure to encourage a regular rotation of discussion leaders, host homes, snack providers, and any other needs of the group.

Date	Discussion leader	Host home	Snacks	Other

**NOTE:**

We encourage groups to conclude with a social gathering and a serving opportunity.

**SERVOLUTION** our annual community service initiative is in late October.

We encourage your group to participate together! More details to come.

# “Circles of Life” Exercise

Use the following categories to help you identify people who you could invite to participate in our group.

