

# Life Group Leaders Equip

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## Caring For Others Within Our Life Groups

Riverview's Life Group Mission Statement:

*To encourage and challenge our people to live Gospel centered lives, that are on mission, and in community.*

**A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.**

John 13:34-35

### **Practical ways we can provide Care through the relationships in our life groups.**

#### **1 Listen empathetically**

*Listen to understand, not listening to respond.*

**The purpose in a man's heart is like deep water, but a man of understanding will draw it out.**

Proverbs 20:5

#### **2. Support emotionally**

*How we feel does matter. However, how we respond to those feelings matters most.*

Supporting people emotionally – supporting how they may feel – is simply the doorway we need to go through with them – in order to be able to care for them Biblically.

### **3.Help Biblically**

**All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.**

2 Timothy 3:16-17

### **4.Direct spiritually**

**Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation...**

1 Peter 2:2

### **How Do We Apply John 13:34-35 To Our Life Groups?**

**a. Be intentional.**

**b. Demonstrate openness, transparency, and being real about your own life.**

Let them see your struggles - and let them see your hope.

**c. Lead your life group in caring for each other.**