



## 40 Days in the Word Journey

At Celebrate, LIFE groups aren't something we do, it's who we are. God did not design us to go through life alone, and LIFE groups are the best way to help you go from just attending a gathering, to connecting with others, and developing a deeper relationship with Jesus.

The most important person in your group is a first time guest. Take time to introduce the group, and review the group values. Encourage each group member to invite others to join!

### Group Values

- We are all in the same boat (Romans 3:23)
- What is said in group, stays in group (Proverbs 11:13)
- If they are NOT in the room, and it's NOT praise, **DON'T say it** (Proverbs 17:4)
- We don't need to see eye to eye, but we do need to walk hand in hand (Ephesians 4:15)
- If you don't feel comfortable sharing/reading/praying... THAT IS OK! (1 John 4:18)

**40 days in the Word:** Over the next eight weeks, we are going on a journey through God's word together. Make sure everyone in the group has a "roadmap" with the daily readings. Encourage them to use their own Bible, or the "Books of the Bible" book available for \$5. During group, share your takeaways from the previous week's reading. Answer what the reading says about these five questions

1. My relationship with God?
2. My relationship with others?
3. Growing in my faith?
4. Giving my gifts (time, talent, treasure)?
5. Sharing God's love?

*HOST NOTE: Encourage members to attend the Sunday gatherings at 10am. If they are not able to attend, encourage them to watch the message:*

*Website: [yankton.church](http://yankton.church)*

*YouTube Channel: [celebrateyankton](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...).*

*Encourage members to also take notes as they read the word and bring with to group.*

**Prayer (15 minutes):** Ask if there are any prayer requests. If there are, write down the requests and then pray out loud for each request. Give an opportunity for others to pray if they would like, but NEVER force anyone to pray. Encourage members to write down prayer requests, and pray for each other during the week.

- If "prayer request" turns negative, gently remind of group values
- If major life events, ask for permission to share with Celebrate Prayer team. Send these to Pastor Jeff.