



The
CALL

Leader Guide



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We're so thankful and thrilled you stepped up and said "yes" to lead a small group through this Bible study. Simply enjoy and love the girls God will place in your group. We are praying your time together will be healing, transformational, and fun. You've got this!

This leader guide provides suggestions for how to structure your group each week for five weeks. Feel free to change it up however makes the most sense for you and your group. You can meet more frequently or less frequently depending on what your group prefers.

Each week will include **icebreaker questions**, **video discussion questions**, and **review questions** about the study. You certainly don't have to ask every question, but ask the ones you feel are most appropriate for your group. You can even add your own if you'd like!

Before you dive in, here are some helpful tips and tricks for leading your Sisters LifeGroup.

- Before your first meeting, look through *The Call* book study to get familiar with the format.
- Make sure you'll be available for each week you'll meet. It may be a good idea to get a co-leader for your group, too.
- After 10-15 minutes of discussion, it would be a great time to jump into the video teaching. You can find all the videos at www.life.church/sisters as well as through the URLs in your study books.
- Start and end your time with prayer, and encourage your group to complete each week's study on their own so the group can talk about it the next time you meet.

Frequently Asked Questions

Should we complete week one of the study before we first meet?

No. We designed your small group time to lead you into the study guide material.

When should we watch the weekly videos?

Follow the timeline on your small group leader guide each week. Your weekly guide has been carefully prepared and tested in a real small group. So, following your guide should allow your group's time to flow effectively.

WEEK ONE

The Call to Bear Fruit

Welcome and open with prayer.

Explain your group's plans for the study. If anyone would like to see *The Call Sisters Event*, they can watch Amy's message at:

www.life.church/sisters

Ask some **introductory questions**. (5-10 minutes)

- What's your favorite snack or drink?
- What do you like to do for fun?
- What's something people often think about you that's not true of you?
- What one thing, besides God and family, is most important to you?
- How long have you attended Life.Church?
- What was your favorite part of the Sisters Event?
- What are you hoping to get out of this study?

Ask the **icebreaker questions**. (3-5 minutes)

- Think about your gardening skills. What (if anything) have you been successful at growing and keeping alive?
- If you were a fruit, what fruit would you be and why?

Optional Worship (3 minutes)

Worship to *Reckless Love* by Cory Asbury.

Watch Amy's Video for week one at: **www.go2.lc/thecallwk1**

(14:02 minutes)

Video Discussion Questions (10-20 minutes)

Note: *If your group is large, you may want to divide into groups of about 4 or 5 each.*

- Which spiritual fruit would you like to see grow in your life? What are some ways you can begin to cultivate that in your life?
- Just like fruit need the right conditions to grow, bearing spiritual fruit requires the right conditions. How would you describe your spiritual growth condition right now?
- How do you think someone grows spiritually?
- Read 2 Peter 1:3-10 together. What are some ways you can supplement your faith, and how might that help you?

Gather back. (5-10 minutes)

- If your group split up, ask one person from each group to summarize their group discussion time.
- Take prayer requests and pray.
- Encourage your group to complete week one of *The Call* study before you meet again.
- Dismiss.

WEEK TWO

The Call to Wash Feet

Welcome and open in prayer. Ask a group member to pray.

Ask how your group is doing, and talk about any questions or comments you have from going through the study. (5-10 minutes)

Review Week One (5-10 minutes)

- Is there a Scripture or circumstance God is using right now to prune you? If so, what is it and how is it affecting you?
- What main lesson or thought stuck with you from last week, and how have you begun to apply it to your life?

Icebreaker Question (3-5 minutes)

- What chore do you dislike doing the most?

Optional Worship (4 minutes)

Worship to *For the One* by Jenn and Brian Johnson.

Watch Amy's video for week two at: www.go2.lc/thecallwk2

(12:32 minutes)

Video Discussion Questions (10-20 minutes)

Note: *If your group is large, you may want to divide into groups of about 4 or 5 each.*

- Read Luke 10:38-42. What stands out to you?
- When have you served with a bad attitude? Why?
- What are some unexpected ways that you have been served? How did this affect you?
- What are some ways you can start serving well?

Gather back. (5-10 minutes)

- If your group split up, ask one person from each group to summarize their group discussion time.
- Take prayer requests and pray.
- Encourage your group to complete week two of *The Call* study before you meet again.
- Dismiss.

WEEK THREE

The Call to Break Bread

Welcome and open in prayer. Ask a group member to pray.

Ask how your group is doing, and talk about any questions or comments you have from going through the study. (5-10 minutes)

Review Week Two (5-10 minutes)

- What main lesson or thought stuck with you from last week, and how have you begun to apply it to your life?
- Who were you prompted to show the tangible love of Jesus to this week? What did you do?
- Read Amy's post on Finds Life, "What You and I Can Do That Pastor Craig Can't." Check it out here: finds.life.church/can-pastor-craig-cant/
- What are some unique ways that you can serve your community?

Icebreaker Question (3-5 minutes)

- Have you ever gotten in a fight over something really silly?

Optional Worship (4 minutes)

Worship to *We Believe* by Newsboys.

Watch Amy's video for week three at: www.go2.lc/thecallwk3
(11:49 minutes)

Video Discussion Questions (10-20 minutes)

Note: If your group is large, you may want to divide into groups of about 4 or 5 each.

- Read Jesus' prayer in John 17:20-23. Why do you think unity was so important to Jesus? What stands out from His prayer to you?
- Share an example of a time another one of Jesus' followers significantly blessed you.
- How have you recently received support from your spiritual family?
- In what ways do you serve in your church?
- What are the ways you serve your community with other believers?
- What can you do to promote unity in the body of Christ?

Gather back. (10-20 minutes)

- If your group split up, ask one person from each group to summarize their group discussion time.
- Take prayer requests and pray.
- Encourage your group to complete week three of *The Call* study before you meet again.
- Dismiss.

WEEK FOUR

The Call to Go Fish

Welcome and open in prayer. Ask a group member to pray.

Ask how your group is doing, and talk about any questions or comments you have from going through the study. (5-10 minutes)

Review Week Three (5-10 minutes)

- What main lesson or thought stuck with you from last week, and how have you begun to apply it to your life?
- In what ways do you connect with and serve other believers? Is there anything you feel like you should start doing alongside other believers?

Icebreaker Question (3-5 minutes)

- Have you ever gone fishing and caught a fish? If so, what fish did you catch and how did you feel about it?

Optional Worship (7 minutes)

Worship to *Isaiah 6* by Lindy Conant.

Watch Amy's video for week four at: www.go2.lc/thecallwk4
(13:30 minutes)

Video Discussion Questions (10-20 minutes)

Note: If your group is large, you may want to divide into groups of about 4 or 5 each.

- What keeps you from sharing your faith?
- How do you prepare yourself to share your faith with others?
- In what ways do you share your faith?
- How often do you talk about Jesus?
- Read Matthew 28:19-20. What does Jesus call us to do here? Why is it important?

Gather back. (5-10 minutes)

- If your group split up, ask one person from each group to summarize their group discussion time.
- Encourage your group to complete week four of *The Call* study before you meet again.
- Take prayer requests and pray.
- Dismiss.

Optional

WEEK FIVE

The Call Conclusion

Welcome and open in prayer. Ask a group member to pray.

Ask how your group is doing, and talk about any questions or comments you have from going through the study. (5-10 minutes)

Celebrate your completion of *The Call* study!

Optional Worship (5 minutes)

Worship to *Follow You* by Leland.

Review Week Four (5-10 minutes)

- What main lesson or thought stuck with you from last week, and how have you begun to apply to your life?
- Who would you regret not sharing Christ with if they were to die today?
- What “never” statement are you tempted to believe when considering sharing the Good News with someone who needs Christ?
- What ways do you (or will you) begin to “fish” for people?

Prayer Circles (5-10 minutes)

Have everyone make a list of people they’re praying for who are living without Christ.

Make a circle and pray for those written on the lists. If your group is large, form smaller circles of about 4-5 people each to pray for those written on the lists.

Discuss (5-10 minutes)

- What was your favorite part about *The Call* study?
- Which part of the study challenged you the most?
- What are some ways you can start living out what you’ve learned about your calling?
- Now that we’ve been through the study, how would you define your calling in Christ?
- What are some ways you can live worthy of the calling you’ve received?

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Challenge (5-7 minutes)

- Invite your group to do the YouVersion Bible Plan, *The Call*, together using Plans with Friends.
- See if your group has gone through *The Pursuit* and *The Hope*. Consider going through those studies together, too.
- Encourage your group to continue growing spiritually by reading more content online at **finds.life.church**. Do a search using the word “Sisters” for lots of short, encouraging reads for you.
- Tell your group about our Sisters partnership with *The Messy Table* podcast—it’s another great resource to keep growing spiritually.

Future Opportunities (5-7 minutes)

- Discuss the possibility of beginning a new study together.
- Look at YouVersion Bible Plans that you could do together.
- Plan a purely social gathering to reconnect.
- Choose a Life.Church local mission partner to volunteer with.
- Other: _____

Pray and Dismiss (3-5 minutes)

- Take prayer requests and pray for your group.
- Pray your group would live out their calling and continue to seek community to help them—just like they have in your LifeGroup.