

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN A LIFE GROUP AND A D-GROUP

LIFE GROUP

D-GROUP

(Disciple Making Group)

| | LIFE GROUP | D-GROUP (Disciple Making Group) |
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| MODEL | Open group | Closed group |
| MAKE-UP | Composed of believers and non-believers | Composed of believers |
| SIZE | Size varies but normally 12-20 | 3-5 people generally |
| DYNAMIC | Co-ed or gender-specific | Gender-specific |
| PURPOSE | Life Groups are weekly small groups for all ages that meet on Sunday mornings. Everyone is accepted and welcome to join us each week to encounter Jesus, study his word and share fellowship together. | Disciple making groups intentionally equip believers with the word of God through accountable relationships empowered by the Holy Spirit in order to replicate faithful followers of Christ. |
| TIME FRAME | A community that exists for a period of time and then launches new groups. | A smaller group that exists for 6-12 months |
| EXPECTATION OF MEMBERS | Flexible expectations of members, largely dependent on the Life Group as a whole | High expectations of D-Group participants, upheld by covenant commitments and consistent accountability |
| LEADERSHIP | One or two leaders nurture spiritual growth within the group and develop future leaders | One leader who helps D-Group participants grow in spiritual maturity and prepares them to lead future groups |
| OUTCOME | Designed to grow and multiply biblical community | Designed to replicate disciple-makers |