



Bible Life Circle (BLC) Leaders Guide

Vision & Mission Statements

To create transformational small groups that connect in community, care for each other's needs, and fulfill the Great Commission, all to bring glory to Jesus Christ.

Gather, Grow, Go! Gather for fellowship, grow through discipleship and worship, and go in service and evangelism.

Key Verses

Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. (NKJV)

Acts 2:41-47 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. 42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. 43 Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. 44 Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, 45 and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. 46 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved. (NKJV)

Specific Ministry Expectations and Responsibilities

1. Supporting the Ministry of Emmanuel Baptist Church

- **Giving:** Faithfully support Emmanuel financially.
- **Attendance:** Make every effort to attend major church-wide functions (e.g., church anniversary picnic, Lord's Supper) with ample notice.

2. Making Your BLC/Small Group a Priority

1. Meet weekly with your group unless another frequency is agreed upon.
2. Prepare beforehand for your group each week.
3. Enter attendance weekly into Churchteams software (or delegate to someone in your group).
4. Invite and welcome others to join your group.
5. Take responsibility for the care of your BLC/Small Group.



6. Pray for the individuals in your group.
7. Lead your group in providing care for one another.
8. Follow up with members when they miss meetings, using the 2-3-4 plan template.

3. Creating an Environment of Growth and Transparency

1. Involve as many people as possible in group discussions ("groupalogue").
2. Create a safe and welcoming environment by extending grace.
3. Keep each other accountable by challenging one another and speaking the truth in love.

4. Fellowship and Service

1. Plan fellowship time at least once every 12 weeks (flexible as needed).
 - Notify the Discipleship Pastor (or appropriate leader) if the fellowship occurs outside your normal Circle meeting time so it can be added to the church calendar.
2. Find ways to serve together as a group through service projects.
 - Participate in organized group-wide or church-wide projects quarterly, as available.

5. Evaluating Group Health

- Regularly evaluate your group (and yourself) to ensure a healthy C3 culture (community, care, and commission) is being developed.

6. Faithful Attendance to BLC Meetings

1. Quarterly meetings are mandatory for unity of vision and practice.
2. Attend any additional required meetings or gatherings.

7. Growing as a Small Group Leader

- Be diligent in watching or reading any training resources provided by leadership.

8. Curriculum Use

- Utilize the approved BLC/Small Group curriculum unless otherwise cleared by the Discipleship Pastor and/or Senior Pastor.

9. Developing Future Leaders

- Actively and prayerfully seek someone to serve as an assistant (or co-leader) to train and eventually send out to start another group.