

This Facilitator Guide will help you lead conversation with your LIFE Group. Review the Guide beforehand, and test your audio/video setup if you plan to show the Recap Video. Note: [Brackets] indicate simple cues for you as a Facilitator, not necessarily to be read aloud. When you're ready, begin with the Conversation Starter.

CONVERSATION STARTER [Encourage everyone to answer, share stories.]

So why did you end up joining this LIFE Group? Because...

- A. *David told you to.* [So you're a rule-follower.]
- B. *You want to be more intentional with relationships.* [Was LCBC feeling too big?]
- C. *You're curious about other people's houses.* [Find anything interesting yet?]
- D. *You were guilted into it.* [Who invited you? How?]

Play the **Recap Video**. If you are unable to do so, move to the Discussion Questions.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

John presented some practical tips in his teaching—wisdom from God for our relationships.

Question 1: A wise person loves peace and doesn't push other people's buttons. We all know button-pushers, but what is it like to be around them?

Question 2: A wise person is gentle, taking other people's feelings seriously. Why do we react to people's *words* first, instead of considering their *feelings* first?

[Wife says, "I feel ugly." Husband responds, "That's ridiculous, you're not ugly!"]

Question 3: A wise person yields to other people and is not quick to criticize their suggestions. In traffic, yield signs are intended to make you aware of people around you. In relationships, how can listening (instead of criticizing) work like a yield sign?

[Slow down = Hear them out. Give them the right of way = Benefit of the doubt.]

Question 4: A wise person is sincere — authentic with emotions and intentions.

If you came to LIFE Group the same way you present yourself online or on a date, would we get to know the real you? Why/why not?

CONVERSATION WRAP-UP

You've listened to the teaching and talked it through, so what's your next step?

What are you going to work on this week? [Ask everyone to respond.]

Plan it. Figure out where and when you'll meet next time.