

Grace Chapel exists to transform lives with the surprising message of God's grace. Life Community Leaders work toward this end by seeking to develop a caring atmosphere in their groups, spurring on their members to greater spiritual growth and Christ-likeness, and promoting a vision for making an impact in their communities. LC Leaders are crucial servant-leaders to their groups.

Life Community Staff Team

The Life Community Staff Team provides direction, guidance, and support to our LC Leaders.

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Qualifications

No one is perfect, nor do we expect Life Community Leaders to be. The Christian walk is an ongoing process, so LC Leaders are people who are working to nurture the following gifts, skills, and traits in themselves:

- Grace Chapel member or soon to enter membership process
- Have taken or will soon take Life Community New Leader Training course
- A measure of the spiritual gifts of discernment, encouragement, hospitality, leadership, shepherding, teaching, and wisdom
- A measure of the skills of recruitment, delegation, people focus, and task focus
- Sense of humility and commitment to personal spiritual growth

Responsibilities

Life Communities are integral to the overriding vision of Grace Chapel. LCs are our primary vehicle by which community is experienced within Grace Chapel. Therefore, LC Leaders help to shepherd the flock in these areas:

- **Vision** – Be attuned to the lives of your group members and your surrounding community, and to where God is leading Grace Chapel and your LC. Cast vision for next steps that your LC might take.
- **Care** – Foster an open, safe environment for members and newcomers. Stand with your Life Community through struggles and joys.
- **Growth** – Encourage and resource your LC members in their pursuit of Christ-likeness and worshipful living. Prepare and lead the study portion, or delegate within your Leadership Team.
- **Impact** – Eyes for the hurting, needy, and lost. Commitment to nourishing the physical and spiritual well-being of your neighborhood/town/world.
- **Empowerment/Delegation** – Develop a Leadership Team, so that your members can utilize their strengths and gifts and so no single person feels overloaded. Train an apprentice leader.

Other Commitments

For your LCs and your benefit, we ask LC Leaders to stay connected with our rich resources:

- Keep in contact with your support team member and the LC staff team regarding developments and updates in your group
- Attend training opportunities: Vision Night in the fall, Training Brunch in January
- Participate in LC connection opportunities when asked, helping people to connect to an LC

Benefits

- Biblical and practical training from the LC staff team
- Support from the LC staff team and LC support team
- Your God-given gifts will be used in an exhilarating way, so that people are built up in Christ
- You will play an important shepherding role in the life of Grace Chapel