

Selecting Study Resources¹

There are so many good study resources available these days that it can be overwhelming to pick curriculum for your Life Community. Below are a few guidelines to help you and your group decide what to study.

1. Consider God
 - Pray both by yourself and with your LC about choice of study resources
2. Consider the people in your Life Community
 - Does the study speak to the participants' life situations, needs, passions, and interests?
 - Is it appropriate for the level of spiritual maturity in your LC (seekers, new believers, long-time followers)?
 - Will it challenge participants to step out of their comfort zones?
 - Does the curriculum provide groundwork for participants to engage in effective personal Bible study on their own?
3. Consider yourself
 - Are you invested in/passionate about this topic?
 - Do you feel you need more training on this book of the Bible or topic before beginning the study? Don't hesitate to speak to your coach or a member of the LIFE Community staff team.
4. Consider the content
 - Is it scripturally based and scripturally sound?
 - Does it lend itself to meaningful conversations that challenge participants to engage with the material and apply it to their lives?
5. Consider logistics
 - How many weeks do you have to work with?
 - How much time per meeting do you have to work with?
 - How much reading/homework can your LC handle?
6. Consider Grace Chapel
 - Does the curriculum help participants to connect Sunday services with the rest of the week? The curriculum you choose does not have to mirror Sunday's sermon, but the reinforcement and holistic approach is sometimes helpful. Consider using the study guides that are developed in sync with Grace Chapel's sermons (www.grace.org/studyguide).

¹ Adapted from McLean Bible Church's article "Choosing Curriculum," found at <http://www.smallgroupresources.org/curriculum/choosing-curriculum/>