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**LIFE GROUP CATALOGUE 2021-2022**  
KENTUCKY CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY



**"FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE  
GATHERED IN MY NAME, THERE I AM AMONG  
THEM"**

MATTHEW 18:20

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**SPIRITUAL  
FORMATION  
CREDIT  
PATHWAYS**

**ON-CAMPUS  
STUDENTS:  
24 TOTAL  
CREDITS  
NEEDED PER  
SEMESTER**

**COMMUTER  
STUDENTS:  
12 TOTAL  
CREDITS  
NEEDED PER  
SEMESTER**



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**CHAPEL PATHWAY**

The first option students have in accruing their necessary Spiritual Formation credits is by choosing to by-pass Life Groups for credit and earn credits solely through attending chapel services. In this option, students would need to attend 24 (12, if commuter) of the 28 offered chapel services to pass. Students will be allotted 4 unexcused absences per semester. Choosing this pathway does not exclude students from participating in a Life Group. Students are encouraged to plug into any of the following groups, they simply won't receive Spiritual Formation credits for attending.

**LIFE GROUPS PATHWAY**

The second option students have in accruing their necessary Spiritual Formation credits is by choosing to engage in both Chapel services and a Life Group for Spiritual Formation credit. In this scenario, students may earn a maximum of 8 (4, if commuter) credits from attending a Life Group. Their remaining credits must come through attending chapel services (i.e. 16). Students choosing this pathway must sign up for an approved Life Group no later than August 31st.

**SIGN-UP AT:  
[HTTP://TINYURL.COM/KCULIFEGROUPS](http://tinyurl.com/kculifegroups)**

**JACOB SHOCKEY  
CAMPUS MINISTER**

**DONALD DAMRON  
VICE PRESIDENT OF  
STUDENT SERVICES**

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# STUDENT-LED LIFE GROUPS

## PEOPLE, PAUL, & PIZZA

### Group Description:

People, Paul, and Pizza is a life group dedicated to fellowship, modern-day Christianity, and well, food! In this life group we will be diving into each of Paul's epistles and learning how they applied in the day they were written, as well as how to apply them into each of our lives. Each week we will have a pizza from a different pizza place in the surrounding area, and going over one of Paul's letters. Anybody is welcome, and I would love to see you there!

- **Group Leaders:** Brett Ferguson
- **Leader Email:** bmferguson@kcu.edu
- **Group Demographic:** Open to anyone.
- **Size Limit:** No limit
- **Start Date:** TBD
- **Meeting Times:** TBD
- **Meeting Location:** McKenzie Student Life Center

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## JESUS IS GREATER

### Group Description:

Have you ever felt far from God or that you've messed up too much? GREATER is a life group focused on studying the compassionate heart of Christ. In this community, we will discuss how Jesus is faithful and greater than any sin or situation in our lives. We will study both "Gentle and Lowly" by Dane Ortlund and the book of Hebrews. Through GREATER, my prayer is that we will better understand the radical heart of Christ and each be empowered to live free.

- **Group Leader:** Jason Gay
- **Leader Email:** jagay@kcu.edu
- **Group Demographic:** Open to anyone.
- **Size Limit:** 10
- **Start Date:** 2/2/2022
- **Meeting Times:** Wednesdays @ 8:00PM
- **Meeting Location:** Nash Chapel and/or Sweet Life Coffee Shop

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## ONE BODY

### Group Description:

One Body is a student organization where we aim to celebrate diversity and different cultures on our campus and community. Through this celebration, we want to promote unity in people and provide opportunities for unity to occur on campus. Within the celebration, we want to be able to empower each other for the expansion of the Kingdom of God!

- **Group Leader(s):** Zach Gomez
  - **Leader Email(s):** zcgomez@kcu.edu; knsarvis@kcu.edu
  - **Group Demographic:** Any student, faculty, and staff.
  - **Size Limit:** No limit
  - **Start Date:** 2/1/2022
  - **Meeting Times:** Tuesdays, 7:17PM
  - **Meeting Location:** McKenzie Student Life Center
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# STUDENT-LED LIFE GROUPS

## FREE OF ME BOOK STUDY

### Group Description:

We live in a culture that's all about self, becoming the best "me" I can be instead of becoming like Jesus. This me-centered focus affects every area of our lives--our friendships, relationships, self image, and even our faith. The self-focused life robs our joy, shrinks our souls, and is the reason we never quite break free of insecurity. Each week we are going to be challenged to make our lives less about "me" and more about "He."

- **Group Leader:** Alyssa Howie
- **Leader Email:** alhowie@kcu.edu
- **Group Demographic:** Women's group
- **Size Limit:** 15
- **Start Date:** 1/27/2022
- **Meeting Times:** Thursdays, 9:00-10:00PM
- **Meeting Location:** Second Floor Lobby, West Hall

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## DISCOVER YOUR DESTINY BOOK STUDY

### Group Description:

In this book, Cary Schmidt lays out tools that all Christians can use to discover their destiny. In this group, we will be looking at how to use these tools in our lives. We will be learning how to live our best life through Christ.

- **Group Leader:** Maggie Keeton
- **Leader Email:** mvkeeton@kcu.edu
- **Group Demographic:** Open to anyone
- **Size Limit:** 10
- **Start Date:** TBD (Leader will contact you)
- **Meeting Times:** TBD (Leader will contact you)
- **Meeting Location:** TBD (Leader will contact you)

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## REEL FAITH

### Group Description:

*Reel Faith* is a life group that shines a spotlight on the connections between movies and theology. In this life group, we will be watching a selection of beloved classics and modern favorites. Each week, we will discover how the art of cinema can help us view and engage with culture, relationships, and faith in an entirely new way. We hope that those that attend this life group will leave with new perspectives as they seek God through the silver screen.

- **Group Leader:** Peyton Lewallen & Ally Collins
  - **Leader Email:** pvlwallen@kcu.edu
  - **Group Demographic:** Open to anyone
  - **Size Limit:** N/A
  - **Start Date:** 2/7/2022
  - **Meeting Times:** Mondays, 7:00PM
  - **Meeting Location:** Bible and Ministry Conference Room in Smith
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# STUDENT-LED LIFE GROUPS

## NEW PASSIONS

Group Description:

This group is one that dives right into the deep end of things. Characteristics such as dedication, vulnerability, and honesty are going to be needed! We'll be going through one or two recommended books covering the topics such as preparing for marriage, singleness, sexual immorality, gender ideology, and more. Everyone struggles in some way, shape, or form in this area as a believer. And that's okay! Because on the flip side, this group will consist of fun activities, tons of fellowship with food, and more! It's a place for all to grow together through study and doing life together as well.

- **Group Leader:** Jonathan Munson
- **Leader Email:** jwmunson@kcu.edu
- **Group Demographic:** Men's Group
- **Size Limit:** None
- **Start Date:** TBD
- **Meeting Times:** Mondays, 8:30PM
- **Meeting Location:** TBA

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## INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE/NURSING STUDENTS FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Group Description:

This fellowship is intended to guide international students in science and science-related studies in adapting to the unfamiliar system of studying science. It will also involve sharing of the scripture and prayer.

- **Group Leader:** Dr. Juliana Akinsete
- **Leader Email:** jakinsete@kcu.edu
- **Group Demographic:** International Students
- **Size Limit:** None
- **Start Date:** 2/1/2022
- **Meeting Times:** Mondays, Time TBD
- **Meeting Location:** Trinity Building

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## BALDWIN LIFE GROUP

Group Description:

The Baldwin LifeGroup has been a part of KCU for 13 years! Every Thursday night students meet at the Baldwin home for food, fellowship, and fun. We share a meal, worship together, learn how to apply the teachings of Jesus to everyday life, and pray together. The focus is always the same: how do we work together to follow Jesus as disciples? LifeGroup is open to any KCU student who wants to come, and we're always open to newcomers. This year we do encourage all members to be vaccinated; unvaccinated students will be asked to wear a mask and practice social distancing.

- **Group Leader:** Dr. Brian Baldwin
  - **Leader Email:** bb@kcu.edu
  - **Group Demographic:** Open to anyone
  - **Size Limit:** None
  - **Start Date:** 1/27/2022
  - **Meeting Times:** Thursdays, 7:00-9:00PM
  - **Meeting Location:** The Baldwin's Home
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# FACULTY / STAFF LED LIFE GROUPS

## PROVISION LIFE GROUP

### Group Description:

Hosted by Bekah Bryant. A bi weekly co-ed group that will meet on Tuesday evenings at 8pm in Bekah's home on campus. This small community will discuss relevant topics that are chosen together as a group at the beginning of the semester and study how the Bible handles these topics.

And there will be snacks....lots of snacks.

- **Group Leader:** Bekah Bryant
- **Leader Email:** bbryant@kcu.edu
- **Group Demographic:** Open to anyone.
- **Size Limit:** 15
- **Start Date:** 2/01/2022
- **Meeting Times:** Bi-weekly, Tuesdays, 8:00PM
- **Meeting Location:** Bekah Bryant's Home (Dale Hall Apartment)

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## LIFE SKILLS GROUP

### Group Description: Coming soon.

- **Group Leader:** April Frazier
- **Leader Email:** adfrazier@kcu.edu
- **Group Demographic:** Open to anyone.
- **Size Limit:** TBD
- **Start Date:** TBD
- **Meeting Times:** TBD
- **Meeting Location:** TBD

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## THE FOOTSTEPS AND FOOTSTOPS OF JESUS

### Group Description:

The foot steps and the foot stops of Jesus will be a survey of Jesus' life and teachings in the places he traveled and the people who stopped him along the way. Jesus often taught as he traveled; however, some of the most important lessons we can learn are the times when He was stopped by people with very specific needs. We, like them, all have needs that Jesus can best meet. Join us for a time of study, introspection, and teaching from Jesus, the Master teacher.

- **Group Leader:** Donald Damron
  - **Leader Email:** dmdamron@kcu.edu
  - **Group Demographic:** Open to anyone.
  - **Size Limit:** 20
  - **Start Date:** 2/2/2022
  - **Meeting Times:** Wednesdays, 9:30PM
  - **Meeting Location:** Back room of the Cafeteria
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# FACULTY/STAFF LED LIFE GROUPS

## BASEBALL DEVOTIONS

Group Description:

KCU Baseball team devotions and chapel credit.

- **Group Leader:** Joe Elam
- **Leader Email:** jelam@kcu.edu
- **Group Demographic:** KCU Baseball team
- **Size Limit:** N/A
- **Start Date:** TBD
- **Meeting Times:** TBD
- **Meeting Location:** TBD

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## VICKY MADDEN LIFE GROUP

Group Description:

We will have a devotion, enjoy snacks – maybe s'mores around the firepit, and simply share life together.

- **Group Leader:** Vicky Madden
- **Leader Email:** vmadden@kcu.edu
- **Group Demographic:** Open to anyone
- **Size Limit:** 12
- **Start Date:** 2/3/2022
- **Meeting Times:** Thursdays, 8:00-9:30PM
- **Meeting Location:** Vickey Madden's Home (Off-Campus)

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## MCCLURE'S LIFE GROUP

Group Description:

A little house near campus trying to be the most hospitable place in the galaxy. Come for some fun, encouragement, and weird accents. Oh & the food is on us. We believe your time at college is one of the most important times in your life. It's a time of new surroundings. New experiences. New friends. It's a time when you begin to set many of the patterns and habits that will shape the rest of your life. Each week we discuss important issues facing college students. Gather. Eat a free meal. Connect. And figure out where life with God fits into life at college.

- **Group Leader:** Kyleigh & Thomas McClure
  - **Leader Email:** kmperrymcclure@kcu.edu
  - **Group Demographic:** Open to anyone.
  - **Size Limit:** No Limit
  - **Start Date:** 2/3/2022
  - **Meeting Times:** Thursdays, 7:00PM
  - **Meeting Location:** The McClure's Home
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# FACULTY / STAFF LED LIFE GROUPS

## LEADERSHIP 101

### Group Description:

This group is all about leadership. I love leadership and helping others to grow their leadership abilities. My goal is to help you not only grow in your leadership abilities but to create a lifelong love for studying and growing in leadership. We will be using John Maxwell's book Leadership 101 this fall. John Maxwell is one of the best Christian authors on leadership with countless books written on the subject. We will read a short chapter each week and that will help lead our discussion time.

- **Group Leader:** Jeremy Miller
- **Leader Email:** jeremymiller@kcu.edu
- **Group Demographic:** Open to anyone.
- **Size Limit:** 12
- **Start Date:** 2/20/2022
- **Meeting Times:** Sundays, 10:00-11:00PM
- **Meeting Location:** The Miller's Home

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## FOOTBALL MINISTRY TEAMS

### Group Description:

The Kentucky Christian University Football players will be grouped into small ministry teams, with each team being named and built based on a specific book of the Bible. The teams will work through their assigned book as a group, reading, sharing, and studying the book both individually and collectively. At assigned times throughout the year, each group will share what they are learning through their study, discuss favorite verses and stories, and hopefully be able and explain how their lives have related and been impacted through their team's book.

- **Group Leader:** Jake Russell
- **Leader Email:** jfrussell@kcu.edu
- **Group Demographic:** Football Players
- **Size Limit:** approx. 150
- **Start Date:** 2/2/2021
- **Meeting Times:** Wednesdays @ 3:30PM
- **Meeting Location:** Nash Chapel

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## CORE AMBASSADORS

### Group Description:

The Core Ambassador's life group is a student-led campus ministry team that seeks to serve the KCU student body. The group will focus on enhancing the spiritual life of KCU through four key areas: Spirituality, Inclusivity, Hospitality, and Unity. This group is by invitation only.

- **Group Leader:** Jacob Shockey
  - **Leader Email:** jfshockey@kcu.edu
  - **Group Demographic:** Invite Only
  - **Size Limit:** 12
  - **Start Date:** 2/6/2022
  - **Meeting Times:** First Sunday of each month
  - **Meeting Location:** Shockey Household
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# FACULTY/STAFF LED LIFE GROUPS

## TOLKIEN LIFE GROUP

Group Description:

This group will examine fantasy literature through readings and film clips from the works of J. R. R. Tolkien. It will be discussion oriented and is designed for fun, fellowship, and imagination. Christian themes in the writings of Tolkien and the affiliated Peter Jackson films will be accentuated. These include fellowship, heroism, spiritual warfare, grace and mercy, and life as a spiritual journey or quest.

- **Group Leader:** Dr. Dennis Durst & Joshua Blevins
- **Leader Email:**
- **Group Demographic:** Open to anyone
- **Size Limit:** 10
- **Start Date:** 2/21/2022
- **Meeting Times:** Mondays @ 6:30PM
- **Meeting Location:** Young Library

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## WORSHIP THROUGH STORIES

Group Description:

How did you come to know Jesus and how has He changed your life? There are so many different answers to this question, whether you're a new Christ Follower or a mature one. So...what would your answer be? And why does that answer matter? Your life. Your calling. Your story matters. And it can make a difference. So let's learn about each other's stories, and how God can use them for His Kingdom.

- **Group Leaders:** Andrew & Emily Wolfe
- **Leader Email:** ajwolfe@kcu.edu
- **Group Demographic:** Worship Collective Members
- **Size Limit:** N/A
- **Start Date:** 2/3/2022
- **Meeting Times:** Thursdays @ 8:30PM
- **Meeting Location:** Wolfe Residence, 104 East College Street, Grayson, KY 41143

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## REGENERATION CYA

Group Description:

CYA is a college and young adult ministry offered at ReGeneration Church in Huntington, WV. Come out twice a month for some good food, bible study, and fellowship!

- **Group Leaders:** Jacob Shockey & Andrew Wolfe
  - **Leader Email:** jfshockey@kcu.edu
  - **Group Demographic:** Open to anyone.
  - **Size Limit:** N/A
  - **Start Date:** 2/10/2022
  - **Meeting Times:** Bi-weekly on
  - **Meeting Location:** reGeneration Church - 1502 4th Avenue, Huntington, WV, 25701
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# FACULTY / STAFF LED LIFE GROUPS

## THE ROUND TABLE SOCIETY

Group Description: Coming Soon

- **Group Leader:** Donald Damron & Charles Fridaty
- **Leader Email:**
- **Group Demographic:**
- **Size Limit:**
- **Start Date:**
- **Meeting Times:**
- **Meeting Location:**

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## NOT YOUR TYPICAL LOVE STORY

Group Description: "Not Your Typical Love Story" is a life group designed specifically for dating, engaged, and married couples. Join us as we explore relationships throughout scripture and how God uses even the most unexpected couples for His glory and honor. "Not Your Typical Love Story" isn't the mushy, gushy romantic stories you've heard all your life. It is however an insight to what God tells us about the real life challenges every couple faces: communication problems, broken promises, sexual temptation, disapproving families, racial relations, lack of trust, love, respect, and so many more.

- **Group Leader:** Cole & Kaylee Cordle
- **Leader Email:** clcordlekcu.edu & kdcanafax@kcu.edu
- **Group Demographic:** Dating, Engaged, & Married Couples
- **Size Limit:** N/A
- **Start Date:** 1/30/2022
- **Meeting Times:** Mondays @ 7:00PM
- **Meeting Location:** First meeting in upstairs Lusby Lobby

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# GRACE & PEACE!

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