
LIFE GROUP CATALOGUE 2022-2023
KENTUCKY CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY



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

MATTHEW 18:20

**SPIRITUAL
FORMATION
CREDIT
PATHWAYS**

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

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



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 26 (16, if commuter) of the 30 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**

STUDENT-LED LIFE GROUPS

PEOPLE, PIZZA, & PARABLES

Group Description:

People, Pizza, and Parables 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 Christ's parables. 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:** 8/12/2022
- **Meeting Times:** TBD
- **Meeting Location:** TBD

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:** TBD
- **Meeting Times:** Wednesdays @ 8:00PM
- **Meeting Location:** Nash Chapel and/or Sweet Life Coffee Shop

RESURRECTED

Group Description:

A life group dedicated to exploring the implications of what it means to live a resurrected lifestyle.

- **Group Leader(s):** Ethan Eckert & Shawn Mountcastle
 - **Leader Email(s):** edeckert@kcu.edu/smmountcastle@kcu.edu
 - **Group Demographic:** Open to anyone.
 - **Size Limit:** 8
 - **Start Date:** 8/22/2022
 - **Meeting Times:** Mondays, 8:00PM
 - **Meeting Location:** McKenzie Student Life Center
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STUDENT-LED LIFE GROUPS

WHO IS JESUS?

Group Description:

As Christ followers it is important to know who Jesus is and how He lived His life. This helps us know how we should living our own lives for Him. We will be watching clips from "The Chosen" to observe, visualize, and discuss the amazing qualities of Jesus. If we want to follow Jesus, we need to know who we are actually following and how become more like Him.

- **Group Leader:** Alyssa Howie
- **Leader Email:** alhowie@kcu.edu
- **Group Demographic:** Women's group
- **Size Limit:** 15
- **Start Date:** 8/16/2022
- **Meeting Times:** Tuesdays, 9:00PM
- **Meeting Location:** Second Floor Lobby, West Hall

MADE FOR THIS MOMENT BOOK STUDY

Group Description:

In Made for This Moment, Madison examines how the biblical story of Esther will give you the encouragement you need to:

- Decide who you want to be before you step into your Big Moments
- Claim your confidence so you can get out of the comparison game
- Learn strategies for dealing with your past so it won't hinder your present
- And much more!

- **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)

THEOVISION - SEASON 2

Group Description:

TheoVision is a life group that focuses on finding both God and theology by the culture and themes shown through television shows. This semester, we will be watching the first season of The Good Place. Each week at life group, we will watch an episode of The Good Place, spend time in grouped or partnered discussions/activities, and have general fellowship with one another. We hope that those that attend this life group will leave with a new and fresh perspective on the ways that God can be present in the common entertainment of modern television.

- **Group Leader:** Ally Collins & Peyton Lewallen
 - **Leader Email:** amcollin@kcu.edu & pvlwallen@kcu.edu
 - **Group Demographic:** Open to anyone
 - **Size Limit:** N/A
 - **Start Date:** 8/15/2022
 - **Meeting Times:** Mondays, 7:00PM
 - **Meeting Location:** Bible and Ministry Conference Room in Smith
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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 & Kajika Sarvis
- **Leader Email:** jwmunson@kcu.edu/knsarvis@kcu.edu
- **Group Demographic:** Men's Group
- **Size Limit:** None
- **Start Date:** 8/30/2022
- **Meeting Times:** Tuesdays, 9:00PM
- **Meeting Location:** McKenzie Student Life Center

MENTALLY OFF THE CLOCK

Group Description:

Have you ever felt alone? I have for many years. In Mentally Off the Clock, this life group will be a welcoming community that is a safe space to have open conversation and walk through this battle together. We will learn more about people who have struggled with mental health throughout the Bible. We will have deep conversation about what it is like to battle mental health and have God by our side. This group will have deep conversations about some hard topics. I would love if y'all would come and I would love if you joined us!

- **Group Leader:** Courtney Kish
- **Leader Email:** cakish@kcu.edu
- **Group Demographic:** Open to anyone
- **Size Limit:** 12-15
- **Start Date:** 8/16/2022
- **Meeting Times:** Tuesdays, 8:00PM
- **Meeting Location:** McKenzie Student Life Center

GRACE VANSKOY'S LIFE GROUP

Group Description:

This group will be going over various plans/studies on building a healthy relationship in Christ and finding hope in God. These plans can be found on the Bible app so please have it downloaded so you can follow along. The plans are listed below:

- Unshakeable Hope: Building Our Lives On The Promise Of God (Max Lucado)
- Even if He doesn't (Lucy Mendez)

- **Group Leader:** Grace Vanscoy
 - **Leader Email:** gmvenscoy@kcu.edu
 - **Group Demographic:** Women's Group
 - **Size Limit:** 15
 - **Start Date:** 8/15/2022
 - **Meeting Times:** Mondays, 8:30PM
 - **Meeting Location:** Dale Room 316
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FACULTY / STAFF LED LIFE GROUPS

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE FELLOWSHIP (OAF)

Group Description:

Outdoor Adventure Fellowship (OAF) is an opportunity to get outdoors with like-minded folks to find your own ways to enjoy God's creation. You will be introduced to a variety of activities like backpacking, survival, rock climbing, mountain biking, caving, and paddle sports (kayaking, canoeing, and paddle boarding). Join us to find your way through some of the finest places our beautiful region has to offer. We hope to provide you with a sense of place, confidence, and spirit. No previous outdoor experience needed!

- **Group Leader:** Dr. Lyle Parker & Dr. Will Stevens
- **Leader Email:** laparker@kcu.edu/wstevens@kcu.edu
- **Group Demographic:** Open to anyone
- **Size Limit:** 24
- **Start Date:** 9/6/2022
- **Meeting Times:** TBD
- **Meeting Location:** Trinity 102

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FELLOWSHIP

Group Description:

This fellowship is intended to support and encourage one another, share the Word and pray together. It is an interactive fellowship.

- **Group Leader:** Dr. Juliana Akinsete
- **Leader Email:** jakinsete@kcu.edu
- **Group Demographic:** International Students
- **Size Limit:** None
- **Start Date:** 8/15/2022
- **Meeting Times:** Mondays, 3PM (bi-weekly)
- **Meeting Location:** Trinity 101

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:** 9/7/2022
 - **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:** jelame@kcu.edu
- **Group Demographic:** KCU Baseball team
- **Size Limit:** N/A
- **Start Date:** TBD
- **Meeting Times:** TBD
- **Meeting Location:** TBD

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:** TBD
- **Meeting Times:** Thursdays, 8:00-9:30PM
- **Meeting Location:** Vickey Madden's Home (Off-Campus)

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:** TBD
 - **Meeting Times:** Thursdays, 7:00PM
 - **Meeting Location:** The McClure's Home
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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:** 9/4/2022
- **Meeting Times:** Sundays, 10:00-11:00PM
- **Meeting Location:** The Miller's Home

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 to 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:** TBD
- **Meeting Times:** TBD
- **Meeting Location:** Nash Chapel

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:** 8/18/2022
 - **Meeting Times:** Thursdays @ 8:00PM (bi-weekly)
 - **Meeting Location:** CNI Room
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FACULTY/STAFF LED LIFE GROUPS

HOW CHRISTIANITY SHAPES FANTASY

Group Description:

As Christians we are called to love God with our whole mind, including the imagination. Christians have played a role in literary history by engaging the imagination by composing fantasy literature. C. S. Lewis, J. R. R. Tolkien and others have transformed the way faith and imagination combine through creative world-making. This life group will explore faith and fantasy literature in a fun format with student discussion of many fantasy-related themes.

- **Group Leader:** Dr. Dennis Durst & Joshua Blevins
- **Leader Email:**
- **Group Demographic:** Open to anyone
- **Size Limit:** TBD
- **Start Date:** TBD
- **Meeting Times:** TBD
- **Meeting Location:** Young Library

WORSHIP COLLECTIVE LIFE GROUP

Group Description:

This life group will utilize the When Heaven Meets Earth Bible Study from The Bible Project. "God crafted scripture as one unified story. It's the tragic story of how heaven on earth became heaven and earth. It's the redemptive story of God's mission to reunite those two domains once again. In this twelve-week study guide, The Bible Project lays out a blueprint for scripture that will forever change the way you read God's word and understand Jesus's work in the world."

- **Group Leaders:** Andrew & Emily Wolfe
- **Leader Emails:**
ajwolfe@kcu.edu/enwolfe@kcu.edu
- **Group Demographic:** Worship Collective Members
- **Size Limit:** N/A
- **Start Date:** 8/10/2022
- **Meeting Times:** TBD
- **Meeting Location:** Wolfe Residence

NEXT GEN AT REGEN

Group Description:

Next Gen @ ReGen 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/ajwolfe@kcu.edu
 - **Group Demographic:** Open to anyone.
 - **Size Limit:** N/A
 - **Start Date:** 8/28/2022
 - **Meeting Times:** TBD
 - **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:

The Round Table Society seeks to help student-athletes in positions of leadership to lead from a posture of servitude. This semester we will be exploring what it looks like to lead from the conviction and power of the Holy Spirit.

- **Group Leader:** Donald Damron & Jacob Shockey
- **Leader Email:** dmdamron@kcu.edu/jfshockey@kcu.edu
- **Group Demographic:** Student-Athletes
- **Size Limit:** Athletic Team Captains only.
- **Start Date:** 8/14/2022
- **Meeting Times:** Sundays @ 8:00PM (bi-weekly)
- **Meeting Location:** CNI Room

WOMEN'S SOCCER LIFE GROUP

Group Description:

This group is for KCU's Women's Soccer Team. We will be using The Christian Athlete by Brain Smith as a guide for discussion.

- **Group Leader:** Charli Torres
- **Leader Email:** cntorres@kcu.edu
- **Group Demographic:** Women's Soccer Team
- **Size Limit:** N/A
- **Start Date:** 8/23/2022
- **Meeting Times:** Tuesdays, 7:00PM
- **Meeting Location:** Charli Torres' Home

THRPL GREWP

Group Description:

Primarily a Bible study about Cognitive Combat. Life is mostly a mind game, this group is about trying to win more of the battles that happen in the mind.

- **Group Leader:** Dean Brand
 - **Leader Email:** dbrand@kcu.edu
 - **Group Demographic:** Open to anyone.
 - **Size Limit:** N/A
 - **Start Date:** TBD
 - **Meeting Times:** TBD
 - **Meeting Location:** TBD
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