
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.

JACOB SHOCKEY
CAMPUS MINISTER

DONALD DAMRON
VICE PRESIDENT OF
STUDENT SERVICES

STUDENT-LED LIFE GROUPS

PEOPLE, PIZZA, & PSALMS

Group Description:

People, Pizza, and Psalms a life group dedicated to fellowship, modern-day Christianity, and well, food! In this life group we will be diving into the book of Psalms, and learning what exactly each of the Psalms mean, 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 some of the Psalms. 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:** 1/23/2023
- **Meeting Times:** Mondays, 6:30PM
- **Meeting Location:** McKenzie Student Life Center

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:** TBD
- **Meeting Times:** Mondays, 8:00PM
- **Meeting Location:** McKenzie Student Life Center

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:** TBD
 - **Meeting Times:** Tuesdays, 9:00PM
 - **Meeting Location:** Second Floor Lobby, West Hall
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STUDENT-LED LIFE GROUPS

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)

REEL FAITH: THE SEQUEL

Group Description:

Reel Faith: The Sequel 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:** Ally Collins
- **Leader Email:** amcollins@kcu.edu
- **Group Demographic:** Open to anyone
- **Size Limit:** N/A
- **Start Date:** 1/23/2023
- **Meeting Times:** Mondays, 7:00PM
- **Meeting Location:** Bible and Ministry Conference Room in Smith

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:** TBD
 - **Meeting Times:** Tuesdays, 9:00PM
 - **Meeting Location:** Student Life Center
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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:** TBD
- **Meeting Times:** Mondays, 8:30PM
- **Meeting Location:** Dale Room 316

PURPOSE-DRIVEN LIFE BOOK STUDY

Group Description:

This group will be going over pastor Rick Warren's book, *The Purpose Driven Life*. In the book, Warren discusses core purposes God has instilled in all people to fulfill their calling to the Kingdom of God.

- **Group Leader:** Jasmine Flowers
- **Leader Email:** jrflowers@kcu.edu
- **Group Demographic:** Women's Basketball Team
- **Size Limit:** TBD
- **Start Date:** 1/17/2023
- **Meeting Times:** Varies
- **Meeting Location:** Varies

B3: BACK TO BIBLE BASICS

Group Description:

Fundamentals are essential to success. Even the most experienced doctors, teachers, engineers, and professors must go back and review the basics from time to time. This group is dedicated to walking through the Scriptures and discussing the fundamental beliefs of the Christian faith. The discussions in this group will not only help members grow confidence in their beliefs and be able to lovingly defend them but will help them to have an authentic relationship with Jesus.

- **Group Leader:** Justin Butler & Zach Gomez
 - **Leader Email:** jtbutler@kcu.edu/zcgomez@kcu.edu
 - **Group Demographic:** Open to anyone.
 - **Size Limit:** No limit.
 - **Start Date:** 2/6/2023
 - **Meeting Times:** Mondays, 7:00PM
 - **Meeting Location:** Chapel Choir Room
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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:** TBD
- **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:** TBD
- **Meeting Times:** Mondays, 3PM (bi-weekly)
- **Meeting Location:** Trinity 101

THE BASICS OF FOLLOWING CHRIST

Group Description:

Are you new to the faith, or would like a basic refresher about your faith...or maybe you are curious about making a decision to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ? Then this group will be for you. V.P. Donald Damron will lead a study of the teachings from the New Testament regarding the things you should know as a recent convert to Christianity or someone who is new or growing in the faith. "THE BASICS" will meet every Wednesday in the back room of the CAFE' at 9:30pm during the 4th meal. Come early, get your food, come to the back room of the cafe' and eat...while being spiritually fed.

- **Group Leader:** Donald Damron
 - **Leader Email:** dmdamron@kcu.edu
 - **Group Demographic:** Open to anyone.
 - **Size Limit:** 20
 - **Start Date:** TBD
 - **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

TIDBITS FROM JESUS - GLIMPSES OF DAILY ADVICE ON LIVING

Group Description:

Jesus has a lot to say about our lives and how we live it. IMAGINE being a child in Nazareth? Or a teenager in Nazareth? or a young adult in Jerusalem? Now transfer that to you today. Child in your town- how you grew up- Teenager in your town- how did you make it through High School? and now at KCU- This is your Jerusalem. Jesus and what he has to say about living life- Purity/Caring for another/food in Jesus time with recipes/exercise- Back then and now- Planet Fitness, ummm really? What does Jesus have to say about taking care of your body??? Was Jesus educated? What does He say about education? Are you in the right place at the right time?

- **Group Leader:** Dr. Sarah Brown
- **Leader Email:** sdbrown@kcu.edu
- **Group Demographic:** Open to anyone.
- **Size Limit:** 8-15
- **Start Date:** 1/19/23
- **Meeting Times:** 12:00PM (Bring Lunch)
- **Meeting Location:** Nash Chapel Choir Room

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:** TBD
- **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:** 1/25/2023
- **Meeting Times:** TBD
- **Meeting Location:** Nash Chapel

LIONESSE ARISING

Group Description:

As young women, we can grow to our full potential in Jesus Christ by observing the instincts of the lioness and comparing those instincts to godly characteristics. Through Biblical teaching from Lisa Bevere, the women's group will meet to discuss and pray together and arise to care for each other, serve with purpose, and be bold in prayer.

- **Group Leader:** Jamie Menshouse
 - **Leader Email:** jlmenshouse@kcu.edu
 - **Group Demographic:** Women
 - **Size Limit:** 10
 - **Start Date:** 2/6/2023
 - **Meeting Times:** Mondays @ 7:00PM
 - **Meeting Location:** Lusby 211
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JOSHUA BLEVINS CHESS GROUP

Group Description:

Let's play Chess! This life group is open for all interested tabletop gamers. It will take place every Monday at 7PM in Young Library.

Whether you're a seasoned tactician, or if you don't even know how to move a pawn, we encourage you to join in. We will learn how to play, discuss strategy, and participate in some fun, casual play.

We will also see how to apply what we learn in chess to our daily lives and in our service to God.

- **Group Leader:** Josh Blevins
- **Leader Email:** jkblevins1@kcu.edu
- **Group Demographic:** Open to anyone.
- **Size Limit:** N/A
- **Start Date:** TBD
- **Meeting Times:** Mondays @ 7PM
- **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:** TBD
- **Meeting Times:** TBD
- **Meeting Location:** Wolfe Residence

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:** TBD
 - **Meeting Times:** Sundays @ 6:00PM (bi-weekly)
 - **Meeting Location:** CNI Room
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