

7 Habits

A seven-week program designed to equip people to live a Christ-Driven life at Limerick Cornerstone Family Church

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Student Syllabus

Welcome to Cornerstone Family Church! If this is your first time in this class, I just want you to know how much we appreciate you attending this class.

This is one of seven classes that we call the “7 Habits”. The purpose of 7 Habits is to teach everyone what a Christ-driven life looks like. It’s our main pipeline for the entire church. It’s something we want everyone to go through because it puts us all on the same page.

GOAL OF 7 HABITS: Commitment to live a Christ-Driven Life.

Seven Habits of a Christ-Driven Life

Week 1 – Obey God

Week 2 – Love Others

Week 3 – Daily Worship

Week 4 – Small Group Involvement

Week 5 – Attend Church

Week 6 – Serve Faithfully

Week 7 – Give Sacrificially

So here are some basic facts about 7 Habits...

- This is not intended to be your church fix. Please attend worship service.
- People can enter these weeks at any week. We just want them to complete all seven weeks.
- This not a traditional Sunday School class. We hope and pray that after seven weeks, people make strong commitments to these seven habits and LCFC.
- We want everyone who attends LCFC to go through these classes.
- If you have gone through the Membership Class at LCFC, we ask that you attend the seven weeks related to living out a Christ-Driven life.

SMALL GROUP INVOLVEMENT

The three questions we'll be looking at this morning are:

- o *Why should I join a Small Group?*
- o *What do Small Groups at LCFC look like?*
- o *What are my choices?*

QUESTION 1 – WHY SHOULD I JOIN A SMALL GROUP?

Acts 2:46 (NLT)

"They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity – "

They went to church every day, and they met in _____!

It was more than a casual relationship, it was more than a "let's just be friends" kind of relationship, it was someone who you chose to _____ with.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (NIV)

9 Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: 10 If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! 11 Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? 12 Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

When two people work together, the results are _____ than if they were doing it alone.

When you have someone to help you get back up you are _____.

Matthew 18:20 (NASB)

20 "where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst."

Jesus made it clear, when two people come together for the purpose of knowing God's will and purpose for their lives, God's _____ will be in that conversation.

Exodus 18:17-23 (NLT)

17 “This is not good!” Moses’ father-in-law exclaimed. 18 “You’re going to wear yourself out—and the people, too. This job is too heavy a burden for you to handle all by yourself. 19 Now listen to me, and let me give you a word of advice, and may God be with you. You should continue to be the people’s representative before God, bringing their disputes to him. 20 Teach them God’s decrees, and give them his instructions. Show them how to conduct their lives. 21 But select from all the people some capable, honest men who fear God and hate bribes. Appoint them as leaders over groups of one thousand, one hundred, fifty, and ten. 22 They should always be available to solve the people’s common disputes, but have them bring the major cases to you. Let the leaders decide the smaller matters themselves. They will help you carry the load, making the task easier for you. 23 If you follow this advice, and if God commands you to do so, then you will be able to endure the pressures, and all these people will go home in peace.”

God wanted Moses to start _____ !

1 Samuel 20:16-17 (NLT)

16 So Jonathan made a solemn pact with David, saying, “May the Lord destroy all your enemies!” 17 And Jonathan made David reaffirm his vow of friendship again, for Jonathan loved David as he loved himself.

David became _____ to Jonathan!

2 Samuel 11:1-4 (NLT)

1 “In the spring of the year, when kings normally go out to war, David sent Joab and the Israelite army to fight the Ammonites. They destroyed the Ammonite army and laid siege to the city of Rabbah. However, David stayed behind in Jerusalem. 2 Late one afternoon, after his midday rest, David got out of bed and was walking on the roof of the palace. As he looked out over the city, he noticed a woman of unusual beauty taking a bath. 3 He sent someone to find out who she was, and he was told, “She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite.” 4 Then David sent messengers to get her; and when she came to the palace, he slept with her...”

David had no accountability. He was doing life on his _____. As a result he ends up committing adultery and eventually murder.

Luke 9:28 (NIV)

28 About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray.

Jesus believed in the _____ of small groups.

You will be stronger and there will be greater results when you are part of a small group from your _____ of worship.

QUESTION 2 – WHAT DO SMALL GROUPS AT LCFC LOOK LIKE?

At Cornerstone our Small Groups are made up of people who _____ have it all together but are learning to do life with others through relationships that are _____, _____, and _____.

There could be many types of groups at LCFC.

- Topical study groups
- Young adult groups
- Young married groups
- Older couple groups
- Mom's groups
- Women's groups
- Men's groups
- Student groups
- Recreation groups
- All types!
- Discussion or Activity

Small Groups are organized around semesters.

- Fall Semester (September – December)
- Winter/Spring Semester (February – May)
- Summer (June – August)

How to join a Small Group...

- 1) You can also go to our website, Limerick Cornerstone and click the “Find a small group”

Let me give you some A, B, C's about relationships in Small Groups...

- a) Remember that none of us have it all together. Small Groups should be a _____ place for anyone to show up. Regardless of their history.
- b) Love each other with the _____. When people know that you genuinely care about them, they will know it's a safe place.
- c) Don't tear other people down with your words. Don't _____ what they are going through.

- d) Respect other people's _____ to talk. Some people are more comfortable than others about talking in a crowd. Just because you are not uncomfortable, does not mean you should be doing all the talking!
- e) Respect _____. When someone opens up about a problem they are going through, respect it. Thank them for opening up. If they sense that you treat what they shared with you as "worthless", they will not open up again.
- f) Pray. Every time you meet together, it's critical that you _____ together. God hears those prayers.
- g) Choose to get _____ in your group member's life. It's not all about you. Don't expect the pastor to do all the work. Make time to demonstrate love to your group members.
- h) Speak _____ in love. Don't ever let anything come between you and a group member. If someone says something to you that may have hurt you, don't bottle it up, speak truth in love to them. And if you are the one who has intentionally or unintentionally hurt the person, be courageous enough to ask for forgiveness. Your words should build other people up, not tear them down.
- i) Have fun. There should be _____. There should be great times. Enjoy the friendship of others.

What does LCFC look for in a Small Group Leader?

- We look at your relationship with God. We want to make sure that you love God. We look at your spiritual maturity.
- We look at your commitment to LCFC. We want to make sure that you support the vision and mission of LCFC.
- We look at your motivation. We want to know why you want to do this group. Is it something God is motivating you to do, or are there other motives that are not from God?
- We look at the need of the church. Is it something that meets the need at LCFC? Does it make sense?

QUESTION 3 – WHAT ARE MY CHOICES?

Take a look at the Small Group page and check one off!

CHALLENGE. We want to challenge you to make a commitment to join a small Group.

NEXT WEEK...We will discuss the next godly habit of "Attend Church". Don't miss this week. You will discover what the bible says about the value and the relevance and the power of going to church!