LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

MARCH 1 - MARCH 7, 2026

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WELCOME - (5-10 MINUTES)

Welcome Everyone. Introduce yourself and any new individuals.

Have a member read ALL of the group goals and ONE guideline.



BREAK THE ICE:

If Jesus sent you a text message right now, what would you need to hear?

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WORSHIP ACTIVITY - (10-15 MINUTES)

Ask the Life Group to stand up & sing together.

Build Your Church

Elevation Worship & Maverick City

3

WORD - (15-20 MINUTES) READ Matthew 16:13-19

1. What personal question did Jesus ask His disciples?
2. What were the three specific names the disciples mentioned as public opinions about who Jesus was?
3. What promises and declarations does Jesus make after Simon Peter's confession? List them specifically.
4. Why do you think Jesus asked what others believed before asking the disciples what they believed?
5. How would you explain verses 18 and 19 to a child?
6. What is the importance of church to Jesus? What is the importance of church to you?
7. How does knowing that Jesus uses you to build His church give you hope and confidence?
8. What is your favorite way to connect with the Body of Christ?
9. How is He asking you to deepen your commitment to the Church?

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WITNESS - (10-15 MINUTES)

BREAKOUT TIME: Break into smaller, like-gendered groups of 3-4. Address the following question(s):

- What is the difference between “church” and “Church”?
- How does being committed to the “Church” help us to experience what Christ describes in verses 18 and 19?
- What steps can you take in the next week, as a part of the Church, to use your life to minister to others and build up the Body of Christ?
- Pray for each other.

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CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

- **Has everyone in the Life Group completed *First Steps*? This is a great place to meet the staff, find out more about ministry opportunities, ask questions and get plugged into a great community of believers.**
- Now that Mardi Gras is over, as we shift into the Lent season and begin moving toward Easter, let’s reflect on what we’re grateful for. Easter is coming, and this is a powerful opportunity to lead people toward deeper appreciation for what Christ has done.