

LTG Roadmap



What do we if:

- **we are a new group?**
- **we are gaining a new member?**

Instructions for new and growing groups

This document describes the course of action a group should take when it acquires a new participant or starts from scratch. It is important for pre-existing groups that acquire new participants to adjust their meetings back to this basic approach. Whatever a new person experiences in their first group will become normal to them. Going back to this basic approach will ensure that all new participants share the same understanding of the LTG's purpose and practices. The first few meetings will probably take longer than normal because everyone will be sharing more background information during the character question section. It will also take some time for the questions to come naturally as people slowly develop trust and comfort with each other.

Before the first meeting

- Decide and communicate the time and location of your meeting.
- Give an LTG card to new participants or bring one for them to the first meeting. They are available at www.metanoiachurch.org or through the LTG program leader (ask a pastor).

The first meeting

- Read “What are LTG’s and why do we do them?” together. This is part one of the LTG Roadmap, found on the LTG resource webpage. This ensures that everyone is on the same page about the purpose and practices of LTG’s.
- Read the LTG Group Covenant together (see below), which you all agree to uphold together.
- Go through the card.
 - Everyone can discuss the sermon. Pre-existing group members can discuss their reading from the previous week. This will help new members understand how this section works.
 - As a group, decide what passage you will read for next week. Choose a passage that is easier to approach so that the new member has an easier time adjusting. For example, read through Matthew once, choose an epistle, or read several psalms.
 - Discuss the character questions together. Go through them question by question, giving everybody a chance to respond.
 - Read through the Missional Living section. Pre-existing members will share their friends’ names. New participants should take the next 1-2 weeks to pray and ask God to reveal whose names they should put down. Explain that the card and prayer prompts are supposed to help us remember to pray for people whenever we do our reading (if our card is in our Bible). Discuss the two missional living questions.

Meetings Two through four

- These meetings can be conducted like the first meeting, though without all of the explanations. Just walk through the card, asking questions and discussing each section.

Future meetings

- After three to four meetings, groups with four members can multiply into two groups of two people each. Groups with three members will continue on as normal until they acquire a fourth person and begin this process again.

LTG Group Covenant

In deciding to participate in a Metanoia Life Transformation Group, I acknowledge that I understand the purpose and practices of LTG's, and I commit to do the following:

- Devote, as best as I can, the time and effort necessary to complete the LTG readings and participate in my weekly LTG meeting.
- Maintain trust within my group by not sharing my fellow members' personal struggles and information with anyone outside of the group.
- Cultivate authenticity and humility in my own life by confessing my sins openly and seeking encouragement and counsel from my fellow group members.
- Lovingly and restoratively speak the truth into others' lives by addressing sins in their lives of which they may not be aware.
- Help my fellow group members grow in Christian maturity and holiness by using the Bible as our one primary and ultimate source of truth and guidance in all matters of faith and life.
- Care for the needs of my fellow group members, within my abilities. I understand that LTG's are the first line of care given and received within the Metanoia Church community.
- Seek to share the gospel with my friends and acquaintances while also supporting my fellow group members in the same endeavor.
- Submit to the spiritual leadership of Metanoia Church's elders.
- Maintain my involvement for 4 months, until LTG's open again.

