# LifeGroup Sermon Series Study 2019-2020 Series Five





### "Level Up: The Analytics of Spiritual Maturity" Article



I love baseball. I love the Chicago Cubs. In 2016, my beloved Cubbies won the World Series. My dream came true... my father's dream came true.

In recent years I have noticed that baseball is changing. You used to hear things like RBI's (Runs Batted In) for batters or ERA (Earned Run Average) for pitchers. In the last five years we have seen big changes in the

analytics of baseball. They even have a name for it. It's called "Sabermetrics."

Now they have a whole list of statistics like Base on Balls Rate, Fielding Runs Above Average, Total Batters Faced – just to name a few. With these additional statistics, the analysts are using the past behavior of a baseball player to predict the future behavior. They then compile the information together to figure out how the team will likely perform.

We are beginning to see this in the church and specifically in discipleship. LifeWay Research has been conducting an ongoing analysis of what spiritual maturity looks like. They did it in three phases. The first phase was to call on 28 of the world's leading experts in spiritual maturity and ask them to describe it. The second phase was to survey pastors to get their input on spiritual maturity and what it looked like in their churches. The third phase was to survey more than 4,000 Protestant laity for input. The result of all this research was that they found eight attributes that consistently were identified in a mature disciple of Christ.

The research did not stop there - they went one step further and determined the activities that would increase each attribute. In other words, which input goals produced the desired output goals.

This is exactly what baseball is doing. And, if you don't like sports, there are a lot of other ways to think about this. If you are a gamer, this is the list of power-ups that can advance you to the next level (getting that extra skill, power, or life to be more effective in the video game).

In this series we are going to help you understand the spiritual maturity attributes and the activities (power-ups) you can do to increase each. This is based on thousands of assessments completed by followers of Christ just like you.

This analytical approach does not take away from the work of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is always working in followers of Christ. This is about putting yourself into a situation where statistically there is a greater chance for you to grow and mature spiritually.

I have been preparing for this series for more than a year (to share with you in a pragmatic and applicable way) so that we can each move a "Level Up" in spiritual maturity – individually and as a church.

**Pastor Doug** 

### "Level Up: The Analytics of Spiritual Maturity" LIFEGROUP ROSTER

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# "Level Up: The Analytics of Spiritual Maturity" Attribute #1 is Bible Engagement Lesson 1

#### I. Purpose:

- A. To help us understand what "Bible engagement" means.
- B. To help us know things to do to grow in Bible engagement.
- C. To help us see why it is important.

#### II. Community that Cares: (10 minutes)

- A. What is the next step God is asking you to take and how are you doing?
- B. How are you doing with your 5-5-5 this week?

#### III. Community that Learns: (15 minutes)

- A. Review the points of the Pastor's message.
- B. Sermon outline: Bible Engagement.
- C. Three key thoughts about Bible engagement:
  - 1. Attribute Description Individuals:
    - a. Are committed to a (lifestyle) of learning.
    - b. Understand that (learning) is much more than just knowing facts.
    - c. Incorporate knowledge and the willingness to change into learning that brings about significant (life) change.

#### 2. The Biblical Basis:

- a. God's word is (alive). Hebrews 4:12
- b. (Always) meditate on God's word. Psalms 119:97

#### Lesson 1 cont.

c. (Actively) live out God's word. James 1:22

|     |    | <ul> <li>3. Next Step Power-Ups - These steps positively predict increasing the score of this attribute:</li> <li>a. Read the Bible.</li> <li>b. Study the Bible.</li> <li>c. Confess your sins.</li> <li>d. Read a book about increasing your spiritual growth.</li> <li>e. Decide to obey or follow God (knowing it may be costly to you in some way).</li> </ul> |
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|     | D. | What really spoke to you, challenged you, or encouraged you in these points?  |
|     | E. | Additional scriptures to look at: Psalm 18:30; 119:9; Matthew 4;4, 7:24, Matthew 24:35; Luke 11:28; John 7:38; 2 Timothy 3:16-17.   |
| IV. |    | nmunity that Applies: (20 minutes) Why do you think the Bible can greatly impact people?  |
|     | В. | How is it different from any other book?  |
|     | C. | Do you think it really makes a difference in your life to read it every day? Why or why not?  |
|     | D. | Is it a struggle for you to take time to read and/or study the Bible? Why or why not?   |
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E. Of the three descriptions of this attribute which one doesn't describe you?

#### Lesson 1 cont.

#### F. Are you surprised by any of the next steps?

#### V. Community that is Accountable: (15 minutes)

Which next step do you think you need to commit to?

#### VI. Community that Prays: (5 minutes)

- A. Ask the group to share anything that God is showing them about their next steps.
- B. Spend a few minutes reviewing past prayer requests your group has made. Were they answered yes, no, or wait?
- C. Take new prayer requests.
- D. Pray as a group for the next steps that people shared they want to take, past requests not answered, and new requests made.

#### VII. Community that Looks Ahead:

- A. The scriptures next week are Matthew 16:24.
- B. If you missed Sunday's sermon, listen to it online at www.lifewatercc.org before the next Life Group.
- C. Reflect on next week's questions during your five minutes of daily silence.

# "Level Up: The Analytics of Spiritual Maturity" Obeying God and Denying Self Lesson 2

#### I. Purpose:

- A. To help us understand what "obeying God and denying self" means.
- B. To help us know things to do to grow in obeying God and denying self.
- C. To help us see why it is important.

#### II. Community that Cares: (10 minutes)

- A. What is the next step God is asking you to take and how are you doing?
- B. How are you doing with your 5-5-5 this week?

#### III. Community that Learns: (15 minutes)

- A. Review the points of the Pastor's message.
- B. Sermon outline: Obeying God and Denying Self.
- C. Three key thoughts about obeying God and denying self:
  - 1. Attribute Description Individuals:
    - a. Believe that (discipleship) is synonymous with following Jesus.
    - b. Understand that following Jesus is really about (denying) self in favor of obeying God.
    - c. Have an increasing commitment and (determination) to possess a God-focus vs. a self-focus look on life and others.

#### 2. The Biblical Basis:

a. Denying Self is (critical). Matthew 16:24a

#### Lesson 2 cont.

- b. Pick up your (cross). Matthew 16:24b
- c. Following Jesus completely is (crucial). Matthew 16:24c
- 3. Next Step Power-Ups These steps positively predict increasing the score of this attribute:
  - a. Confess your sins.
  - b. Read the Bible.
  - c. Attend worship service at your church.
  - d. Pray for the spiritual status of people you know (who are not professing Christians).
  - e. Decide to obey or follow God (knowing that it may be costly to you in some way).
- D. What really spoke to you, challenged you, or encouraged you in these points?
- E. Additional scriptures to look at: Psalm 25:16; Matthew 9:9, 19:21; Mark 8:34; Philippians 3:7; Hebrews 11:25; 1 Peter 2:11.
- IV. Community that Applies: (20 minutes)
  - A. Is it hard for you to obey God? Why or why not?
  - B. Is it difficult for you to deny your earthly desires? Why or why not?
  - C. What force is behind you wanting to live for yourself?

#### Lesson 2 cont.

- D. Of the three descriptions of this attribute which one doesn't describe you?
- E. Are you surprised by any of the next steps?

#### V. Community that is Accountable: (15 minutes)

Which next step do you think you need to commit to?

#### VI. Community that Prays: (5 minutes)

- A. Ask the group to share anything that God is showing them about their next steps.
- B. Spend a few minutes reviewing past prayer requests your group has made. Were they answered yes, no, or wait?
- C. Take new prayer requests.
- D. Pray as a group for the next steps that people shared they want to take, past requests not answered, and new requests made.

#### VII. Community that Looks Ahead:

- A. The scriptures next week are John 13:34-35.
- B. If you missed Sunday's sermon, listen to it online at www.lifewatercc.org before the next Life Group.
- C. Reflect on next week's questions during your five minutes of daily silence.

### "Level Up: The Analytics of Spiritual Maturity" Attribute #3: Serving God and Others Lesson 3

#### I. Purpose:

- A. To help us understand what "serving God and others" means.
- B. To help us know things to do to grow in serving God and others.
- C. To help us see why it is important.

#### II. Community that Cares: (10 minutes)

- A. What is the next step God is asking you to take and how are you doing?
- B. How are you doing with your 5-5-5 this week?

#### III. Community that Learns: (15 minutes)

- A. Review the points of the Pastor's message.
- B. Sermon outline: Serving God and Others.
- C. Three key thoughts about serving God and others:
  - 1. Attribute Description individuals:
    - a. (Realize) the concept of service is vividly (portrayed) throughout the Bible.
    - b. (Recognize) Jesus gave us the (perfect) example to follow with His words and lifestyle.
    - c. Are willing to (reorganize) lifestyles and (priorities).

#### 2. The Biblical Basis:

a. Loving each other shows (mankind) that we are Jesus' disciples. John 13:34-35

#### Lesson 3 cont.

- We care about the (marginalized) because Jesus cares.
   Matthew 25:40
- c. We devote ourselves to (meeting) needs because it leads to productive lives. Titus 3:14
- 3. Next Step Power-Ups These steps positively predict increasing the score of this attribute:
  - a. Pray for the spiritual status of people you know (who are not professing Christians).
  - b. Get involved in ministries or projects that serve people in the community.
  - c. Disciple or mentor a less spiritually mature person one on one.
  - d. Pray for your church and/or church leaders.
  - e. Set aside time for private worship, praise, and or thanksgiving to God.
- D. What really spoke to you, challenged you, or encouraged you in these points?
- E. Additional scriptures to look at: 1 Samuel 12:24; John 12:26; Romans 7:6, 12:1; Galatians 5:13; Hebrews 6:10; 1 Peter 1:12.
- IV. Community that Applies: (20 minutes)
  - A. Is it natural for you to serve others? Why or why not?
  - B. What do you enjoy the most about serving others?
  - C. What makes it difficult for you to serve others?

#### Lesson 3 cont.

- D. Is it difficult for you to serve God?
- E. Of the three descriptions of this attribute which one doesn't describe you?
- F. Are you surprised by any of the next steps?

#### V. Community that is Accountable: (15 minutes)

Which next step do you think you need to commit to?

#### VI. Community that Prays: (5 minutes)

- A. Ask the group to share anything that God is showing them about their next steps.
- B. Spend a few minutes reviewing past prayer requests your group has made. Were they answered yes, no, or wait?
- C. Take new prayer requests.
- D. Pray as a group for the next steps that people shared they want to take, past requests not answered, and new requests made.

#### VII. Community that Looks Ahead:

- A. The scriptures next week are Matthew 28:19-20.
- B. If you missed Sunday's sermon, listen to it online at www.lifewatercc.org before the next Life Group.
- C. Reflect on next week's questions during your five minutes of daily silence.

### "Level Up: The Analytics of Spiritual Maturity" Attribute #4: Sharing Christ Lesson 4

| <ol> <li>Purpose:</li> </ol> |
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- A. To help us understand what "sharing Christ" means.
- B. To help us know things to do to grow in ability to share Christ.
- C. To help us see why it is important.

#### II. Community that Cares: (10 minutes)

- A. What is the next step God is asking you to take and how are you doing?
- B. How are you doing with your 5-5-5 this week?

#### III. Community that Learns: (15 minutes)

- A. Review the points of the Pastor's message.
- B. Sermon outline: Sharing Christ.
- C. Three key thoughts about sharing Christ:
  - 1. Attribute Description Individuals:
    - a. Experience an (increasing) outward focus.
    - b. (Intentionally) befriend and build relational bridges with non-Christians.
    - c. (Invite) friends and acquaintances to church.

#### 2. The Biblical Basis:

a. Go make disciples. Matthew 28:19-20

#### Lesson 4 cont.

- Always be prepared to give a reason for the hope you have.
   1 Peter 3:15
- c. We receive power to be witnesses. Acts 1:8
- 3. Next Step Power-Ups These steps positively predict increasing the score of this attribute:
  - a. Pray for the spiritual status of people you know (who are not professing Christians).
  - b. Share with someone how to become a Christian.
  - c. Invite an unchurched person to attend a church service or some other program at your church.
  - d. Study the Bible.
  - e. Confess your sins.
- D. What really spoke to you, challenged you, or encouraged you in these points?
- E. Additional scriptures to look at: Mark 16:15; Acts 2:38, 21:8; Romans 1:16; 2 Corinthians 5:20; Ephesians 4:11-12; 2 Timothy 2:15, 4:5.

#### IV. Community that Applies: (20 minutes)

- A. Do you find it hard to share Christ with non-Christians? Why or why not?
- B. What has been your experience with sharing Christ with others?
- C. What step is the hardest for you to take in sharing Christ beginning a discussion with someone, transitioning a conversation to spiritual things, or sharing the details of the gospel?

#### Lesson 4 cont.

- D. How often do you find fear is the real motivator for not sharing Christ with others?
- E. Of the three descriptions of this attribute which one doesn't describe you?
- F. Are you surprised by any of the next steps?

#### V. Community that is Accountable: (15 minutes)

Which next step do you think you need to commit to?

#### VI. Community that Prays: (5 minutes)

- A. Ask the group to share anything that God is showing them about their next steps.
- B. Spend a few minutes reviewing past prayer requests your group has made. Were they answered yes, no, or wait?
- C. Take new prayer requests.
- D. Pray as a group for the next steps that people shared they want to take, past requests not answered, and new requests made.

#### VII. Community that Looks Ahead:

- A. The scriptures next week are Galatians 2:20.
- B. If you missed Sunday's sermon, listen to it online at www.lifewatercc.org before the next Life Group.
- C. Reflect on next week's questions during your five minutes of daily silence.

### "Level Up: The Analytics of Spiritual Maturity" Attribute #5: Exercising Faith Lesson 5

#### I. Purpose:

- A. To help us understand what "exercising faith" means.
- B. To help us know things to do to grow in exercising faith.
- C. To help us see why it is important.

#### II. Community that Cares: (10 minutes)

- A. What is the next step God is asking you to take and how are you doing?
- B. How are you doing with your 5-5-5 this week?

#### III. Community that Learns: (15 minutes)

- A. Review the points of the Pastor's message.
- B. Sermon outline: Exercising Faith. Galatians 2:20
- C. Three key thoughts about exercising faith:
  - 1. Attribute Description Individuals:
    - a. Are (characterized) by a posture of weakness.
    - b. Take (chances) to exercise faith in a strong God.
    - c. (Commonly) experience a belief, trust, and reliance on God.
  - 2. The Biblical Basis:
    - a. I am (crucified) with Christ. Galatians 2:20a

#### Lesson 5 cont.

|                  | b. I no longer live, but (Christ) lives in me. Galatians 2:20b          |               | I no longer live, but (Christ) lives in me. Galatians 2:20b  |  |
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|                  |   | c.            | I live by faith in the one who loves me and was (crucified) for me. Galatians 2:20c  |  |
|                  | 3.  |               | ct Step Power-ups - These steps positively predict increasing the re of this attribute:  Confess your sins.  Pray for the spiritual status of people you know (who are not professing Christians).  Participate in a Bible study group or class that involves homework or personal study outside the group/class.  Pray for fellow Christians you know.  Set aside time for private worship, praise, or thanksgiving to God. |  |
| D.               |   | at re<br>nts? | eally spoke to you, challenged you, or encouraged you in these   |  |
| Ε.               |   |               | nal scriptures to look at: Mark 11:22-24; Luke 1:37; Romans 10:17; hians 2:5, 5:7; Hebrews 11:1, 6; 1 John 5:5.  |  |
| <b>Cor</b><br>A. | ommunity that Applies: (20 minutes)  . What is the definition of faith? |               |  |  |
| В.               | What does it take to have faith?  |               |  |  |
| C.               | Do  | you :         | struggle with taking risks? Why or why not?  |  |

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#### Lesson 5 cont.

- D. Why do you think it is impossible to please God without faith?
- E. Is it easier to place your faith in some other type of security (other than God)? Why or why not?
- F. Of the three descriptions of this attribute which one doesn't describe you?
- G. Are you surprised by any of the next steps?

#### V. Community that is Accountable: (15 minutes)

Which next step do you think you need to commit to?

#### VI. Community that Prays: (5 minutes)

- A. Ask the group to share anything that God is showing them about their next steps.
- B. Spend a few minutes reviewing past prayer requests your group has made. Were they answered yes, no, or wait?
- C. Take new prayer requests.
- D. Pray as a group for the next steps that people shared they want to take, past requests not answered, and new requests made.

#### VII. Community that Looks Ahead:

- A. The scriptures next week are Jeremiah 29:13.
- B. If you missed Sunday's sermon, listen to it online at www.lifewatercc.org before the next Life Group.
- C. Reflect on next week's questions during your five minutes of daily silence.

### "Level Up: The Analytics of Spiritual Maturity" Attribute #6: Seeking God Lesson 6

#### I. Purpose:

- A. To help us understand what "seeking God" means.
- B. To help us know things to do to grow in seeking God.
- C. To help us see why it is important.

#### II. Community that Cares: (10 minutes)

- A. What is the next step God is asking you to take and how are you doing?
- B. How are you doing with your 5-5-5 this week?

#### III. Community that Learns: (15 minutes)

- A. Review the points of the Pastor's message.
- B. Sermon outline: Seeking God.
- C. Three key thoughts about seeking God:
  - 1. Attribute Description Individuals:
    - a. (Actively) seek to know God more deeply.
    - b. Worship in (awe) of God privately and publicly.
    - c. Seek (after) a more intimate walk with God embedded in love.

#### 2. The Biblical Basis:

a. Seek (first) the kingdom of God. Matthew 6:33

#### Lesson 6 cont.

|                   |  | b.  | We will (find) God when we seek him. Jeremiah 29:13   |
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|                   |  | c.  | Seek and worship the (Father) in Spirit and in truth. John 4:23   |
|                   | 3.   |     | At Step Power-Ups - These steps positively predict increasing the re of this attribute:  Set aside time for prayer (of any kind).  Set aside time for private worship, praise, or thanksgiving to God. Confess your sins.  Pray for the spiritual status of people you know (who are not professing Christians).  Read the Bible. |
| D.                | What really spoke to you, challenged you, or encouraged you in these points?   |     |   |
| Ε.                | Additional scriptures to look at: 1 Chronicles 7:14, 2 Chronicles 16:11; 2 Chronicles 22:19; Isaiah 55:6-7; Matthew 13:44-46; Luke 11:9-10; Acts 17:26-27. |     |   |
| <b>Co</b> ı<br>A. |  | -   | that Applies: (20 minutes)  Does seeking God look like?   |
| В.                | Do   | you | find yourself wanting to know God and experience him more? If   |

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yes, how?

C. How does seeking God lead to worship?

#### Lesson 6 cont.

- D. What does it look like when a group of people are seeking God and worshiping Him?
- E. Of the three descriptions of this attribute which one doesn't describe you?
- F. Are you surprised by any of the next steps?

#### V. Community that is Accountable: (15 minutes)

Which next step do you think you need to commit to?

#### VI. Community that Prays: (5 minutes)

- A. Ask the group to share anything that God is showing them about their next steps.
- B. Spend a few minutes reviewing past prayer requests your group has made. Were they answered yes, no, or wait?
- C. Take new prayer requests.
- D. Pray as a group for the next steps that people shared they want to take, past requests not answered, and new requests made.

#### VII. Community that Looks Ahead:

- A. The scriptures next week are 1 John 4:11.
- B. If you missed Sunday's sermon, listen to it online at www.lifewatercc.org before the next Life Group.
- C. Reflect on next week's questions during your five minutes of daily silence.

## "Level Up: The Analytics of Spiritual Maturity" Attribute #7: Building Relationships Lesson 7

#### I. Purpose:

- A. To help us understand what "building relationships" means.
- B. To help us know things to do to grow in building relationships.
- C. To help us see why it is important.

#### II. Community that Cares: (10 minutes)

- A. What is the next step God is asking you to take and how are you doing?
- B. How are you doing with your 5-5-5 this week?

#### III. Community that Learns: (15 minutes)

- A. Review the points of the Pastor's message.
- B. Sermon outline: Building Relationships.
- C. Three key thoughts about building relationships:
  - 1. Attribute Description Individuals:
    - a. Properly relate to others (specifically) the community of faith.
    - b. Understand that the Christian faith is not a (spectator) sport.
    - c. Recognize that the Christian faith is not a solo sport.
  - 2. The Biblical Basis:
    - a. (Determine) to love one another. 1 John 4:11

#### Lesson 7 cont.

- b. (Devote) yourselves to fellowship. Acts 2:42
- c. (Decide) that we are better together. Hebrews 10:24-25
- 3. Next Step Power-Ups These steps positively predict increasing the score of this attribute:
  - Attend classes or groups for adults from church such as Sunday School, Bible study, or LifeGroup.
  - b. Pray in a group with other Christians.
  - c. Have regular responsibilities at your church.
  - d. Be involved in ministries or projects that serve people in the community.
  - e. Study the Bible.
- D. What really spoke to you, challenged you, or encouraged you in these points?
- E. Additional scriptures to look at: Psalm 133:1; Matthew 18:20; Romans 12:4-5, 16; 1 Corinthians 1:10; Colossians 3:14; 1 Peter 3:8.

#### IV. Community that Applies: (20 minutes)

- A. Do you naturally enjoy people? Why or why not?
- B. How can you love one another and be devoted to fellowship when you are an introvert?
- C. In what ways are we better together?

#### Lesson 7 cont.

- D. What are some of the sacrifices that we have to make to build relationships?
- E. Of the three descriptions of this attribute which one doesn't describe you?
- F. Are you surprised by any of the next steps?

#### V. Community that is Accountable: (15 minutes)

Which next step do you think you need to commit to?

#### VI. Community that Prays: (5 minutes)

- A. Ask the group to share anything that God is showing them about their next steps.
- B. Spend a few minutes reviewing past prayer requests your group has made. Were they answered yes, no, or wait?
- C. Take new prayer requests.
- D. Pray as a group for the next steps that people shared they want to take, past requests not answered, and new requests made.

#### VII. Community that Looks Ahead:

- A. The scriptures next week are Romans 1:16.
- B. If you missed Sunday's sermon, listen to it online at www.lifewatercc.org before the next Life Group.
- C. Reflect on next week's questions during your five minutes of daily silence.

# "Level Up: The Analytics of Spiritual Maturity" Attribute #8: Unashamed Transparency Lesson 8

#### I. Purpose:

- A. To help us understand what "unashamed transparency" means.
- B. To help us know the things to do to grow in unashamed transparency.
- C. To help us see why it is important.

#### II. Community that Cares: (10 minutes)

- A. What is the next step God is asking you to take and how are you doing?
- B. How are you doing with your 5-5-5 this week?

#### III. Community that Learns: (15 minutes)

- A. Review the points of the Pastor's message.
- B. Sermon outline: Unashamed Transparency.
- C. Three key thoughts about unashamed transparency:
  - 1. Attribute Description Individuals:
    - 1. Are willing to talk openly in (church) and in the (community) about their walk with Christ.
    - (Cannot) help but talk about the ongoing work of God in their lives and the world.
    - 3. Find their identity in aligning their lives with (Christ).

#### Lesson 8 cont.

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- 1. I am not (ashamed) of the gospel. Romans 1:16
- 2. I am an (ambassador) of God. 2 Corinthians 5:20
- 3. I am always talking (about) God moving in me and in the world. 1 Peter 2:9-10
- 3. Next Step Power-Ups These steps positively predict increasing the score of this attribute:
  - Read the Bible.
  - 2. Pray for fellow Christians you know.
  - 3. Share with someone how to become a Christian.
  - 4. Be discipled or mentored one-on-one by a more spiritually mature Christian.
  - 5. Confess your sins.
- D. What really spoke to you, challenged you, or encouraged you in these points?
- E. Additional scriptures to look at: Romans 7:17-24; 1 Corinthians 2:3-4; 2 Corinthians 12:9-10, 13:4; James 5:16; 1 John 1:8-10.

#### IV. Community that Applies: (20 minutes)

A. Do you ever find yourself holding back talking about your relationship with Christ with other Christians? Why or why not?

#### Lesson 8 cont.

- B. Do you ever find yourself hiding the fact that you are a Christian? Why or why not?
- C. What does it look like for you to find your identity in Christ?
- D. How can you represent Christ in the way you live?
- E. Of the three descriptions of this attribute which one doesn't describe you?
- F. Are you surprised by any of the next steps?

#### V. Community that is Accountable: (15 minutes)

Which next step do you think you need to commit to?

#### VI. Community that Prays: (5 minutes)

- A. Ask the group to share anything that God is showing them about their next steps.
- B. Spend a few minutes reviewing past prayer requests your group has made. Were they answered yes, no, or wait?
- C. Take new prayer requests.
- D. Pray as a group for the next steps that people shared they want to take, past requests not answered, and new requests made.

#### VII. Community that Looks Ahead:

- A. The scriptures next week are 2 Peter 3:18.
- B. If you missed Sunday's sermon, listen to it online at www.lifewatercc.org before the next Life Group.
- C. Reflect on next week's questions during your five minutes of daily silence.

# "Level Up: The Analytics of Spiritual Maturity" Celebration Sunday 2 Peter 3:18 Lesson 9

#### I. Purpose:

- A. To celebrate what we learned in this series.
- B. To celebrate how God spoke to us in the last eight weeks.
- C. To give God honor and glory due Him.

#### II. Community that Cares: (10 minutes)

- A. What is the next step God is asking you to take and how are you doing?
- B. How are you doing with your 5-5-5 this week?

#### III. Community that Learns: (15 minutes)

- A. What spoke to you, challenged you, or encouraged you the most in this series?
- B. What is one thing you learned, relearned, or were reminded of as we looked at the last eight weeks of scriptures?
- C. Additional scriptures to look at: Jeremiah 12:2; Luke 17:5; Colossians 1:9-10, 2:6-7; Hebrews 6:1; 2 Peter 2:2-3; 2 Peter 3:18.

#### IV. Community that Applies: (20 minutes)

- A. Before this series, what was your idea about spiritual maturity?
- B. Do you agree that to be spiritually mature you would possess these eight attributes? Why or why not?

#### Lesson 9 cont.

| C.  | Which attribute surprised you the most that it was in the list? Why?  |
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| D.  | What was the most important concept you learned about Spiritual maturity?   |
| Ε.  | Which next step surprised you the most?   |
| F.  | Which next step resonated to you the most?  |
| G.  | How has this series helped you to know the next step you need to take?  |
| Cor | mmunity that is Accountable: (15 minutes)  If this is an area that God is speaking to you about then what is your next step you need to take? |
| Cor | mmunity that Prays: (5 minutes)   |
| Α.  | Spend a few minutes reviewing past prayer requests your group has made Were they answered yes, no. or wait?                                   |

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- e. Were they answered yes, no, or wait?
- B. Take new prayer requests.
- C. Go around the group and share your answer to the accountability question and then pray for the person on your right.

#### VII. Community that Looks Ahead:

- A. The scriptures next week are Hebrews 1.
- If you missed Sunday's sermon, listen to it online at www.lifewatercc.org before the next Life Group.
- C. Reflect on next week's questions during your five minutes of daily silence.

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