

Group Discussion:

CONNECT RELATIONALLY (roughly 25% of your meeting time)

- Share Highs & Lows from the week / Share prayer needs & practice prayer together / Split into sub-groups (e.g. men / women) to share
- (Ice breaker question) *Ask the group to share about diversity in their lives. Do you live in community around people who are largely the same as you or different? Think of gender, race, language, economics, education, careers, politics, interests, etc. For those who spend significant amounts of time around diverse people, what do you have in common that helps you overcome what would otherwise divide you? Be careful not to allow the discussion to descend to the point where it encourages differences, but simply orient the group to the idea that these differences do not prohibit us from being connected as human beings.*

GROW SPIRITUALLY (roughly 50% of your meeting time)

- *As a group Read Romans 16:1-27 then ask: Other than the difficulty of pronouncing certain names, what stood out to you as the text was read? Why?*
- *What do you think it means to collaborate around the mission of Jesus? What types of examples does this bring up for you?*
- *Do you think it is easier or more difficult for Christian communities to collaborate today than it was when Paul wrote this to the church in Rome? Why or why not?*
- *What experiences (positive and/or negative) have you had collaborating around the mission of Jesus with the following people: Those in your church? Others where you live, learn, work and play who are not from your church? People who are different from you (ethnically, denominationally, etc.)?*
- *How can we as a Life Group begin/continue to collaborate around the mission of Jesus together?*
- *Based off what Paul says in Romans 16:17-20, how can us collaborating together help us guard the gospel of Jesus so that the gospel is extended?*

LIVE MISSIONALLY (roughly 25% of your meeting time)

- Scriptural reminder of God's missional heart – 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
- Ask for any stories of BLESS steps that have happened recently. Celebrate anything shared.
- Ask people to update their FRANCES list of people that may be far from God. Who has God brought back up on your minds & hearts recently? Where do you see new potential opportunities?
- Ask people to consider and commit to 1-3 practical BLESS steps that they might accomplish in the upcoming season (week / month). What do you plan to do? How / when will you ensure it happens?
- Pray over specific names or steps that were shared.