

## THE MISSION OF LIFE GROUPS

Our mission is to develop friendships that lead to **spiritual growth**.

We Believe that **Spiritual Growth** is achieved by incorporating each of these 4 “Pillars” into our daily lives:

- ♦ Genuinely **ENCOUNTERING** Jesus.
- ♦ Honestly **EVALUATING** ourselves.
- ♦ Authentically **ENGAGING** in healthy relationships.
- ♦ Sincerely **EXPRESSING** our love through serving.

As we live our lives practicing these things we will continue to grow closer to Christ.

Everything we do in our Life Groups Ministry is created with this goal in mind.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **What is a Life Group?**

A Life Group is a home fellowship made up of 10-14 people who meet weekly to share, study, and support one another. A trained leader and host lead each group. An average meeting lasts for an hour and a half, followed by light refreshments.

## **How Important Are Life Groups?**

Life Groups are one of the most important aspects of our church. It's where we study God's Word while also supporting and sharing our lives with one another. Our goal each year is to have at least 80% of our adults involved on a weekly basis.

## **When and Where Do They Meet?**

Life Groups meet on various nights of the week in homes throughout Waterville and the surrounding area. Some groups meet at the church as well. Most evening groups meet from 6:30-8:30 pm. Times vary for groups that meet during the day.

## **How Long is each semester?**

Each Life Group session lasts 8-10 weeks. We have Fall , Winter & Spring sessions. At the end of each session, you will have the choice of staying in the same group, trying a new group or even taking a break. Most groups stay together throughout the entire year. Small Groups do not meet June through August.

## **What is the Required Commitment?**

Joining a Life Group requires 10 weeks of committed attendance and weekly homework. Obviously, allowances are made for sickness, vacation, work conflicts and other special events. This commitment is the key to a strong Small Group. The first three weeks give opportunity to attend the group to make sure it's a good fit for you. At that point, each group member will make a commitment to finish the semester.

## Frequently Asked Questions, Cont...

### **What Will We Study?**

Most of the studies are based on the previous weekend's message. These "sermon-based" Life Groups are built on what we call a "Lecture-Lab" model. Imagine the weekend message as a lecture on Christian living, and the Life Group as a lab where you get to roll up your sleeves and discuss how the weekend's message works in real life. Each week there will be a series of Bible passages and questions on the back of the sermon note sheet to study before the meeting.

### **What About Child Care?**

Life Groups are for adults only. (Exceptions can be made for nursing newborns, up to six months.) We leave it up to each family to work out their own child care. Sometimes it works best for families to share a sitter or to swap child care with another family who's Life Group meets on a different evening.

### **How Do I Choose A Group?**

When selecting a group, we strongly recommend you choose a group based on its leader-host team, rather than its location. Over the years, we've found that groups do best when members share a common station-in-life and other interests with their leaders, hosts, and other group members. In the end, you'll find it's worth the drive!

If you have any questions (especially if you are new to Calvary Temple), please don't hesitate to call the church, and we will gladly assist you. Keep in mind that it might take some time to find the perfect Life Group, but you will know that it's worth the wait!

### **How Do I Sign Up For A Life Group?**

We offer sign-ups for Life Groups during the weekend services before each of our Life Sessions begin. There are Life Group Staff members available at the Information table to help you choose a group and answer any questions. Also, you can call the church office at any time who can assist you in finding and signing up for a group, or answer any questions.

**Dear Calvary Temple,**

I am so excited about “Life Groups” here at Calvary Temple. There is an opportunity for every person in our church to be connected to a small group of people simply *sharing life together*. This little directory should help you to get a better



idea of who is facilitating a small group and where they are meeting. I hope that you will find a place to share your life with others. We understand that living the Christian life is much more than simply attending a weekend service. Real life happens outside the walls of the church. Life Groups are simply a way to help you connect with others who are on a very similar journey as you, learning to walk with God. No matter where you may be on your journey, it’s always a bit easier when you have others to help you along the way. Many people today have a misconstrued idea of “Authentic Friendship”. Some of us have hundreds of “friends” on Face Book, but have very few people, if any, that we would say are “Real Friends”. The type of friend that will be with you through the storms of life, hold your hand, and give you the support you need through difficult times. Small groups provide just the type of environment to help you cultivate genuine, meaningful and significant relationships with others. I encourage every person at Calvary Temple to find a life group to plug into. This little directory should make it possible for you to find a place where you can build a relationship with Christ and others. Please *make the time* to become a part of what God is doing here at Calvary Temple. I assure you, you will be happy you did!

Blessings,  
Pastor Craig

## Sermon Based Life Groups

Sermon Based Life Groups narrow the focus by **amplifying** and **applying** the message given each weekend. It's here that you'll anchor your life to other believers and the Word of

Here's how it works:

Each weekend you grab sermon notes & discussion guides at the Information table. Take notes during the sermon, and then spend some time during the week (before your group) filling out the discussion guide. When your group meets you'll talk about the questions on the guide!

The following pages list the groups being offered this semester. Sign up today and build relationships that will take you higher in

# Sermon Based Life Groups

## **Josh & Meagan Baker**

Josh and Meagan have been married for 4 years. They have two children Madysen (3) and Josiah (1). Josh works on staff at the church and Meagan works as a Medical Assistant. They spend most of their time around the church serving. Josh enjoys reading about and discussing Biblical truths. Meagan prides herself in her children, and has a heart for medical missions work.



**Day: Sunday**  
**Time: 6:00 PM**  
**Town: Waterville**  
**Open to: All**  
**Open Slots: 2**

**Contact Info:**  
**207-313-6166**  
**joshua.baker@caltemp.org**

## **Ray & Virginia Killam**

Ray and Virginia Killam have been married for 2 years. They have four children (His, Hers and Ours) ages 13, 9, 9 and 15mo. Ray has a passion for and the gift of evangelism. He is currently enrolled at Liberty University online pursuing an undergraduate degree in the Study of Religion and works full time. Virginia stays home with their children but also takes care of a couple of children during the day to help support her staying home. She loves to laugh and has a heart for women's ministry. She also enjoys spending time with her large family.



**Day: Monday**  
**Time: 6:00 PM**  
**Town: Waterville**  
**Open to: All**  
**Open Slots: 0**

**Contact Info:**  
**207-861-4116**  
**seedsower207@yahoo.com**

# Sermon Based Life Groups

## ***Claude & Sylvia Hallee***

Claude and Sylvia have been married for thirty years and have two grown children Ryan, 28 and Renee, 24 who both live in Austin, TX. They enjoy traveling and just being in each other's company. Claude



enjoys most all sports especially baseball as he umpires H.S. and Babe Ruth during the spring and summer. He is also the Sr. Commander of the Royal Rangers boy's ministry at Outpost 60, Calvary Temple. Sylvia enjoys cooking and is second to none (except maybe her own mother). She also enjoys the crafts especially jewelry making and beading. Sylvia also has a gift for decorating as she is the decorating coordinator at Calvary Temple.

**Day: Monday**  
**Time: 6:30 PM**  
**Town: Sidney**  
**Open to: All**  
**Open Slots: None**

### **Contact Info:**

**207-872-6138**

**[halleelua@roadrunner.com](mailto:halleelua@roadrunner.com)**

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# Sermon Based Life Groups

## ***Craig & Alice Kramer***

Craig and Alice have been married for 34 years. They have 2 married children and 8 Grand-Children. They met in 1977 while serving in the Air Force together. Craig is a retired Federal Firefighter/Hazmat Technician. Alice has a degree in Counseling and continues to use her gifts ministering to the women of the church.



**Day: Monday**  
**Time: 6:30 PM**  
**Town: South China**  
**Open to: All**  
**Open Slots: 0**

**Contact Info:**  
**207-445-3550**  
**imcraigkramer@gmail.com**

## ***Jeff & Denise Lafountain***

Jeff and Denise have been blissfully married for over 16 years. They have a beautiful 8 year old son named Evan. They currently serve the body at Calvary Temple. Jeff as our worship leader. Denise serves Temple Academy as the head of School. They have a heart to see people delivered and set free by the power of the Holy Spirit.



**Day: Saturday**  
**Time: 6:30 PM**  
**Town: Winslow**  
**Open to: All**  
**Open Slots: 0**

**Contact Info:**  
**207-465-7957**  
**denise@caltemp.org**

# Sermon Based Life Groups

## ***Phil & JoAnn Langworthy***

Phil and Jo Ann have been married twenty two wonderful years and give God the glory! They have 3 adult children and three grandchildren. Phil enjoys playing and recording worship music, fishing, and spending time with his wife Jo Ann. Jo Ann loves praise and worship



**Day: Wednesday**  
**Time: 6:30 PM**  
**Town: Oakland**  
**Open to: All**  
**Open Slots: 0**

as a lifestyle, helping the poor and needy, fishing, working out, and gardening. Phil and Jo Ann both have a heart for the homeless and share a daily devotional Internet ministry called Thot42day.

**Contact Info:**  
**207-623-5304**  
**philjoann2008@gmail.com**

## ***Everett & Marie McLean***

Everett and Marie have been married for thirty years. They have two children and four lively grandsons. Everett is a retired owner of a poultry farm and is currently a substitute teacher at Oakland public schools, loves hacking at a golf ball and playing softball.



Marie is still working as a medical secretary and enjoys reading and playing with her grandchildren.

**Day: Wednesday**  
**Time: 6:00 PM**  
**Town: Waterville**  
**Open to: All**  
**Open Slots: 0**

**Contact Info:**  
**207-465-2220**  
**evmclean1@myfairpoint.net**

# Sermon Based Life Groups

## ***Pastor Craig & Lisa Riportella***

Craig & Lisa Riportella serve as the Lead Pastors of Calvary temple and have since 2006. They have 5 amazing children ranging in age from 6 – 14 years old. They have been married for 17 years and served in full time ministry the majority of that time. They both have a love for people and truly desire to see the work of the Holy Spirit active in every individual's life. They have seen first-hand the healing power of God restore broken lives, physically, spiritually, emotionally and mentally. Their desire through life groups is simply to "be real". They want to meet you right where you are help you to become all the Christ desires for you to be. Quite often their group is made up of newer individuals of the church, thus giving them an opportunity to connect with and get to know new comers as they become a part of the family of Calvary Temple. Obviously with 5 children there is never a dull moment in the Riportella family. Their children are all very active in sports, and various extracurricular activities and church functions. "On the Go" is their motto, journey with us as we FOLLOW HIM!



**Day: Saturday**  
**Time: 4:00 PM**  
**Town: Sidney**  
**Open to: All**  
**Open Slots: 0**

**Contact Info:**  
**207-547-2227**  
**pastorcraig@caltemp.org**

# Sermon Based Life Groups

## ***John & Elise Rossignol***

John and Elise are the parents of three adopted children; Michelle 28, Daniel 26 and David 21 and grandparents to Katelyn age 6. They have been happily married more than 36 years. John works for CMP and Elise is a school teacher at Temple Academy. They reside in Oakland. Hobbies and activities include walking, bicycling, reading, camping, motorcycling, and going out to eat.



**Day: Sunday**  
**Time: 6:00 PM**  
**Town: Sidney**  
**Open to: All**  
**Open Slots: None**

**Contact Info:**  
**207-872-5844**  
**rozzifam@roadrunner.com**

## ***Kevin & Kim Wood***

Kevin and Kim have been married for 23 years and have two daughters in college. Kevin enjoys outdoor activities such as hiking, kayaking, and snowshoeing, and is a sports enthusiast. Kim loves to read, cook and spend time studying God's word. Dining out and spending time with family and friends are regular and frequent activities they love doing together. They also love getting involved in community outreach projects, especially those focused on the less fortunate and homeless.



**Day: Monday**  
**Time: 6:30**  
**Town: Winslow**  
**Open to: All**  
**Open Slots: 0**

**Contact Info:**  
**207-314-3479**  
**kkwood@roadrunner.com**

