

## **Champion Center Life Group Protocols and Expectations**

### **This is a safe group**

- We will all do our part to create an environment where every person can be real, open, and honest with their struggles and victories.

### **Confidentiality is very important**

- What is shared in the group remains in the group. Integrity with someone being vulnerable is key to a trusting environment.

### **We will not crosstalk**

- Crosstalk is a conversation during discussion time that leaves others out and can be hurtful.

### **We will not give advice unless asked**

- We are not here to fix each other. Jesus does that part. Often people just need to be heard. They will ask you if they need advice.

### **We want everyone to have an opportunity to share**

- As a group member, be sensitive about the amount of time that you share, and encourage others to share.

### **We will commit to resolving conflict Biblically**

- Matthew 18 addresses a sin against you. Not everything done to you is a sin issue.

### **We will start and stop our group on an agreed upon time**

- Groups often start at 7pm and end at 8:30pm. You decide times in your group.

### **No Contest Zone**

- There may arise disagreements with an interpretation of scripture or response. It is important that we always remind respectful and use scripture to support our thoughts when necessary. We may have to agree to disagree and move on. In this case the facilitator will bring back a resolved answer the following week.

### **We will commit to make living life in the Champion Biblical Community a priority**

- Consistent group attendance helps create a healthy, safe, stable environment while positioning ourselves before God to grow spiritually.

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## Champion Center Life Group 12 Week Christ-Life Lesson 1

### Matthew 3: Separation and Dedication

1. Separation is the \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ or being moved apart.
2. In order to become a true Christian, I must \_\_\_\_\_ myself from this world and commit myself to \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Dedication is to be \_\_\_\_\_ to a \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

*Why might it be difficult for someone to separate from something they know is bad for them?*

#### Lesson Scripture Breakdown

#### Lesson Background Scriptures

Matthew 3:1-4
<b>John's Separation and Dedication</b>
Matthew 3:5-9
<b>The people's separation and dedication</b>
Matthew 3:10-12
<b>The end time separation and dedication</b>
Matthew 3:13-17
<b>The Lord's separation and dedication</b>

<b>2 Corinthians 6:17</b>	<b>Matthew 25:32</b>
<b>John 17:16</b>	<b>Luke 6:22</b>
<b>1 Peter 2:11</b>	<b>Isaiah 59:2</b>
<b>Romans 12:1-4</b>	<b>Matthew 16:24-26</b>
<b>Hebrews 11</b>	<b>Leviticus 10:10</b>
<b>1 Peter 2:9</b>	<b>Romans 6:1-14</b>
<b>Matthew 28:19</b>	<b>Mark 16:16</b>
<b>John 3:5</b>	<b>Acts 2:38</b>

4. Looking at Matthew 3:1-4, what qualities did John possess that we can apply to our lives in order to experience the Christ-Life?
5. In our Christ-Life, there will be times when we are responding to him because of our material needs, social dilemmas, emotional pain, societal fades, or religious custom. What was John's message to the people, Pharisees, and Sadducees concerning their response to his message? (Matthew 3:5-9)
6. As we live the Christ-Life, there is a connection between what is in our heart, and what we do on a daily basis. Discuss this connection. Why do we often experience conflict between our heart and our actions?
7. What types of separations does John state Jesus is going to make in the world and among His people? (Matthew 3:10-12)
8. In what ways does Jesus give us an example on steps to separate and dedicate ourselves to God in order to live the Christ-Life. (Matthew 3:13-17)