



## COMMUNITY LIFE COACHES

**Objective:** Coaches will be a link between the LIFE Group leader and the church. **The responsibility of the coach is to make sure their LIFE Group leaders feel connected, supported, and appreciated.** Community LIFE Coaches will be a resource to existing groups.

What we are looking for:

- Someone active in their faith and the life of LCBC
- Someone who connects well with people
- Someone who can commit to this role for a year
- Someone with leadership skills that is in a LIFE Group

What we are asking you to be committed to:

- Be an available resource for 5-15 LIFE Group leaders on your campus
- Go through the New Leader Training Booklet with them if they're new Leaders
- Attend 2 huddles a year (there are a total of 4 huddles a year in Manheim).
- Make follow up contact with assigned leaders Staying Connected Form.
- Meet with a Community LIFE Director or Campus Pastor 4 times a year
- Make recommendations to Community LIFE Directors of potential Coaches, Coordinators, and LIFE Group Leaders.
- Staying connected to what is going on for LCBC LIFE Groups and leaders so you are informed
- Make 5 touches a year with LIFE Group Leader (This includes huddles, New Leader Training and response to Staying Connected Forms)

**What are "touches"?**

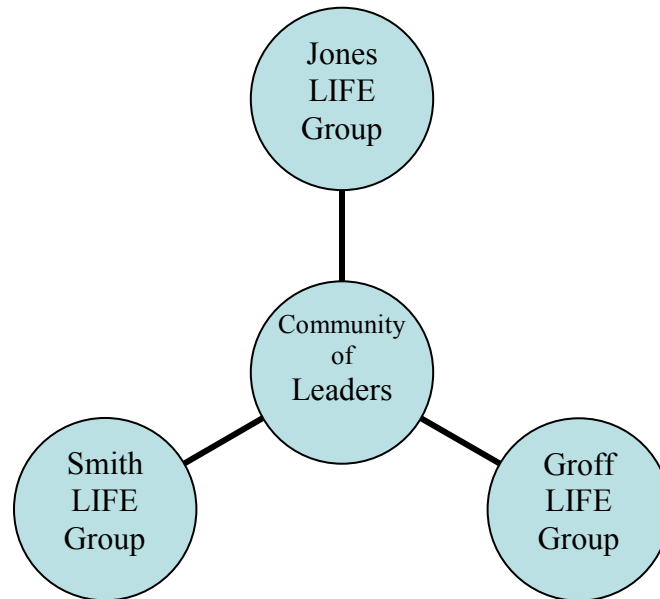
Touches are a way of making some type of contact with a person so they feel connected, supported, and appreciated.

*Examples of touches:*

- Christmas card
- Phone call
- Thank you note
- Invitation to an event
- Face to face conversation
- Gift
- E-mail
- Sharing a meal together

# Community within Community

In order to influence community we must be a community



The responsibility of the coach is to make sure their LIFE Group leaders feel:  
**Connected, Supported, and Appreciated.**

## Connected:

LIFE Groups are a way for people to connect relationally with God, others and their community. Many times leaders need that connection as well with someone outside of their group.

- How are you doing?
- What is happening in your life?
- What can I be praying about for you?
- What has God been teaching you?
- Who are people that God has put in your path?
- Where has God been using you?
- What are your goals, passions, desires for this month, year, 5 years?

It is easy to look at John Smith LIFE group Leader and make a separation:

JOHN SMITH	LIFE Group Leader
- Has three children under 5	- 10 people in group
- Just got laid off	- Attended 0 trainings
- Would like to read through the New Testament	- Using Nooma Curriculum
	- Meets once a month

We miss the mark if we focus just on the LIFE Group Leader and not the person. Jesus is focused on the people not the ministry. Luke 7:11-17 Jesus focuses on the woman- not the ministry.

- Focus your attention on their heart and they will start to focus on people's hearts.

## **Supported:**

LIFE Groups are a microcosm of the church. LCBC seeks to produce fully devoted followers of Christ out of unconnected seekers. LIFE Group leaders need to be supported to help engage that vision.

### **Giving LIFE Group leaders support looks like:**

- Giving them the most current information
  - o Upcoming events
  - o New Curriculum
  - o Opportunities to serve as a group
  - o What is new with LCBC and LIFE groups
- Answering their LIFE Group questions
  - o What should we study?
  - o How do I handle this conflict in my group?
  - o What can we do to care for this person in our group?
- Helping them to look introspectively at their group to see if it is healthy:
  - o Balance in “God, Others & Community”
  - o Void or working on any “Dys-ease”
- Encouraging them to be engaged
  - o Inside/Out Service project
  - o Encouraging group members to serve
  - o How is there group different now than 6 months ago?

## **Appreciated:**

Many times as a leader you need to know that your mission and your purpose have value. Leading a LIFE Group is no different, our leaders need to know that they are valued, appreciated, and loved.

### **Appreciating leaders through the five love languages:**

- Affirmation
- Touch
- Service
- Gifts
- Time

### **Next Steps for Coaches:**

1. We will assign you 5-15 groups.
2. Make contact with your leaders and introduce yourself as their new coach
3. Start making touches with your leaders
  - a. Record your touches even if they do not feel significant
4. Meet with a Director or Campus Pastor

As a LIFE Group Coach you want to make sure you and your leaders are growing in these three relationships:



*Healthy Coaches = Healthy Leaders = Healthy Groups*