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PHASES OF A LIFE GROUP

PHASE	DISCOVERY	DEEPENING	MATURING	REPRODUCTION
PURPOSE OF MEETINGS	To get to know one another	To understand one another	To minister and serve one another	To prepare one another to minister to others
FOCUS OF DISCUSSIONS	Personal background Preferences Beliefs Experiences	Personal struggles Fears, desires, dreams, Strengths and weaknesses	Encouragement, exhortation Calling one another to something higher and more noble	Purpose of group and reproduction Comfort and loss
PERSONAL COST TO MEMBERS	Low Simply a willingness to participate	Increasing vulnerability and a willingness to be transparent and trusting of the group	A willingness to be misunderstood, judged, or rejected	A willingness to place God's will for everyone above ones own evident desires
ATMOSPHERE OF GROUP	Friendly	Comfortable and at times serious	Safety, security, and at times intensity	Sorrow, excitement, and joy
PERSONAL FOCUS OF MEMBERS	To be accepted into the group	To be known by the group	To love and encourage the other members	To reach out to those outside of the group
IMPACT OF GROUP ON MEMBERS	Encouragement	Affirmation as a person	Transformation of their character or faith	Transformation of their ministry and impact on others