

# iLife<sup>'12</sup>e

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## **What is iLife?**

iLife (inspired-Life) is a booklet of scriptures and discussion questions to help provide reflection and direction for your Christianity in 2012.

## **Why are we doing this?**

As we begin the new year, it would be valuable for everyone in the EDGE Ministry to go through an "iLife" discussion to help for a great start into 2012. We hope these talks will also unify the ministry as one in heart and mind (Acts 4:32).

## **What do I have to do?**

Take some time over the next couple of weeks to go through the booklet. Make sure to pray and reflect on the material. Within the next few months, we will be meeting person by person to talk through your vision for an inspired-Life in 2012.



Devote



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## Devote

God desires a personal and intimate relationship with us. He knows us by name and calls us His sons and daughters. In order to live inspired lives, we must *devote* ourselves to Him. Let's not consider God the second, third or fourth option in 2012.

**Scripture Reading:** Deuteronomy 6; Mark 12:29-30; Psalm 86:1-4; Jeremiah 30:21;

- 1 How did you feel about your relationship with God last year?
- 2 What do you think God felt about your relationship with Him last year?
- 3 What is the one thing you can do to increase your relationship and devotion with the Lord this year?
- 4 If devotion is a strength of yours, how can you help the ministry grow in this area?
- 5 Is there any specific help you might need? (teaching, resources, prayer etc.)

**Application:**

Make it a goal for this year to set aside a consistent time each day to spend with God.



## Transform

The life of following Jesus requires transformation. Like any good rabbi, Jesus expected his disciples to be just like him. We are *transformed* through a repentant life by following Christ. An important part of this transformation process is confession and prayer.

**Scripture Reading:** 1John 1:5-2:6; James 5:16

- 1 What specific sin(s) in your life do you need transformation in?
- 2 What role does God's grace play in your transformation?
- 3 How secure do you feel in God's grace right now?
- 4 Is there anything God has put on your heart that you need to share?
- 5 What will you do differently this year to help you repent and grow in these areas?
- 6 Is there any specific help you might need? (teaching, resources, prayer, counseling etc.)

**Application:**

Make a list of 5 questions you would ask yourself when it comes to being vulnerable. Discuss these questions with your prayer partner each time you get together.



## Belong

The church is truly a gift from God and special in His sight (Ephesians 5:25-27). The bible teaches that each member in the church *belongs* to one another (1 Corinthians 12:27). As Christians, we must make it our goal to be connected to the body of Christ and to be unified. We are stronger together than apart.

**Scripture Reading:** Romans 7:4; Romans 12:3-5; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; 1Peter 4:11; 1John 4:19-21, Matthew 5:23-24, 1John 2:9-10

- 1 Is there any relationship(s) in your ministry, God is calling you to get resolved with in order to unify the family?
- 2 Do you have a specific person(s) who loves, listens, and challenges you in your personal life? If so, do you meet consistently?
- 3 What do you want changed in your relationships in 2012?
- 4 Is there anything about the church that prevents you from belonging? (teaching, doctrine, leadership etc.)

### **Application:**

Make it your goal to have consistent time with someone in your house church who will listen, love and challenge you.



## Contribute

It was Jesus who coined, "It is more blessed to give than receive." The scriptures are very clear about the disciples being a people that give in all areas whether serving, or leading or giving an offering to the Lord. We have the opportunity and the obligation to *contribute* to God's family, the church.

**Scripture Reading:** Romans 12:1, 6-8; 2 Corinthians 5:14-15; Ephesians 4:16; Ephesians 5:1-2, 2

- 1 What are the gifts and talents that you believe God has given you? Did you feel like you used your talents for the church last year?
- 2 How can you use your gifts to serve God's family this year?
- 3 Did you feel good about your financial sacrifice last year?
- 4 How do you think God felt about your financial sacrifice last year?
- 5 Is there any specific help you might need? (teaching, resources, prayer etc.)

### **Application:**

Set aside some time to come up with a list of areas you can serve in the church. Also, decide in your heart what you should consistently give financially.



## Reach

God desires for all people to be saved (1 Timothy 2:4). God also desires us to reach out to the poor and needy (Deuteronomy 15:11) as it honors Him. He chooses to use us as his ambassadors to truly *reach* this lost world (2 Corinthians 5:20).

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 28:16-20; Luke 19:10; Acts 2:14-41; 1 Corinthians 9:19-23; Proverbs 14:31; Proverbs 19:17

- 1 How did you feel about your outreach last year? (evangelism and helping the poor & needy)
- 2 What would God say about your outreach last year?
- 3 What can you do differently this year to grow in this area?
- 4 If outreach is a strength of yours, how can you help the ministry grow in this area?
- 5 Is there any specific help you might need? (teaching, resources, prayer etc.)

### **Application:**

Take some time to pray and think through how you can be more evangelistic, as well as, serve the poor and needy. Discuss a plan to implement your ideas with your prayer partner in 2012.

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## The One Thing...

After going through the 5 areas in the booklet, take some time to pray and reflect on what you discovered. Then pick ***the one thing*** you found to be the constant theme, throughout the booklet, you can work on this year (i.e. love, faith, humility etc).

# 2012 Overview

## **Highlighted Events:**

Breaking Fast w/Ministry Dinner (Jan 9th)

All Night Prayer (Jan 9th)

Day On Hope Weekend (Jan 13-15)

Hip-Hop Fundraiser (Jan 21)

Bring Your Neighbor Day (Jan 22)

-Regional Series: 316

Singles Congregational Devo (Feb 4)

Catalyst Retreat (Mar 9-11)

LA Singles Kaleidoscope (Apr 5)

Bakersfield Mission Trip (May 25-27)

LA Singles Internship Program (Jun 2)

Tecate & San Diego Fellowship (Jun 23)

San Antonio Conference (July 5-8)

Ministry Fast (July 23)

LA Singles Sports Day (Aug 25)

EDGE Ministry Camping Trip (Sept 21-23)

Scaraoke (Oct 13)

## **Midweek Series:**

New Testament Book Study

Discipling Relationships

Boy Meets Girl

Kingdom in Heaven

Amazing Grace

Jesus with the People



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