



# NEXT STEPS

PARTICIPANT GUIDE

 **NEWBREAK**CHURCH

## About Newbreak Church

Our Mission Statement: *Connecting people with God through authentic relationships to serve communities.*

“We hope that your faith will grow and that our work among you will be greatly enlarged.”  
2 Corinthians 10:15

Newbreak Church’s Vision is to develop \_\_\_\_\_ who change  
\_\_\_\_\_.

We do this by creating environments where people can:

1. **Begin the week in** \_\_\_\_\_  
*We introduce people to the love of God at our* \_\_\_\_\_.

2. **Belong in a** \_\_\_\_\_  
*We facilitate relationships through* \_\_\_\_\_.

3. **Be the church by** \_\_\_\_\_  
*We put our faith in action through* \_\_\_\_\_.

## Beliefs

“Watch your life and doctrine closely. Continue in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.” – 1 Timothy 4:16

In our \_\_\_\_\_ beliefs, we have unity.

In our \_\_\_\_\_ beliefs, we have diversity.

In all our beliefs, we show \_\_\_\_\_

### The Five Essentials:

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the inspired Word of God. ( 2 Timothy 3:16)
2. There is one \_\_\_\_\_ God. (John 14:6)
3. All people are \_\_\_\_\_ in need of a \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Cor 5:17; Matthew 16:25)
4. Salvation is through faith in \_\_\_\_\_, and is given by God’s \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 1:8)
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ is given to all believers.

Newbreak is an independent community of believers networked with many partners and organizations including the Southern California Network of the Assemblies of God.

## Next Steps

“Be doers of the word, not hearers only...” James 1:22

Practically, being connected at Newbreak means....

1. You \_\_\_\_\_ a **Life Group**.

*Our life groups facilitate new relationships and spiritual growth.*

2. You \_\_\_\_\_ **Discovering Your Pathway**.

*DYP will teach you about Newbreak’s vision and strategy to reach the world for Jesus. You will also learn how you can grow deeper in your relationship with Christ and how He wants to help you live your best life.*

3. You \_\_\_\_\_ in **ministry**.

*Our ministry teams create and lead all of our environments.*

# Life Groups

## What is a life group?

At Newbreak, we often talk about how rows are great for Weekend Services, but life change happens in circles. Those “circles” are life groups. A life group is basically a group of 6 to 10 people who want to grow spiritually and to connect with others who are going in the same direction. A life group provides a place to develop rich relationships with people, to get to know them and be known. It’s also a place to learn more about God and about how to deepen your relationship with Him. Life group members are there to encourage and support you through this spiritual journey and in the day-to-day challenges of life.

## Why should I join a group?

There is no such thing as a healthy, growing, lone-ranger Christian. As you plug into the church and join a group, you will learn more about God, develop relationships with other believers, and have the chance to serve other people through volunteering. All of these things, combined with your faithful prayer and Bible study, will work together to help you become a fully developing follower of Jesus Christ.

## Are all life groups the same?

Our life groups are as varied as the individuals who attend them! We have all kinds of groups because we have all kinds of people. You’ll find groups for married couples, men, women, young adults, mixed groups along with care and support groups. Within each of these group types, you’ll find a wide variety of topics and approaches. Every group has its own personality.

## How long does a life group meeting last?

A typical life group will meet from an hour and a half to two hours. This varies among life groups, and this may sometimes change when there are special events included in the life group meeting (such as having a meal together). When you contact a life group leader about their group, they can tell you how long it typically lasts.

## Ministry Teams

### Family Ministries

Our Family Ministry focus is on partnering with parents & adults to help with spiritual formation, development and growth of children and students. We desire children and students to understand, own and live out a life-giving relationship with Jesus. Similar to our adult experience, we desire to create age-appropriate services that help all ages participate in worship, a large group Bible message and an emphasis on life group time presented in ways that are appropriate for their stage of development.

**Nursery:** Infants to 24 months.

**Preschool:** 2 years to Kindergarten.

**Elementary:** 1st to 5th grades.

**Students:** 6th through 12th grades.

**Check-In Team:** This team serves our Family Ministries department by checking in all of the children and by welcoming new families and assisting them in finding their correct rooms.

### Worship Ministries

These teams are responsible for our weekly worship experiences. They are responsible for setting the tone to allow guests to enter into a time of worship and experience the love of Jesus.

**Production:** Helps execute the behind the scenes production of all of our services.

**Worship:** This team helps to create the atmosphere during our weekend services for people to experience God. This team requires an audition. Auditions are held 2-3 times annually, rather than an individual basis.

### Outreach Ministries

Outreach Ministries are the main way for how we approach serving our communities. We believe we are called to live out Jesus' command in **Mark 12:30-31**. *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."*

Outreach Ministries at Newbreak are focused on serving people outside of our church. We want to live out Jesus' command to love our neighbors by listening well to the needs of our communities and leading with an intention to bless others. WHAT we do through outreach ministry is different at each of our campuses because of the diverse needs across San Diego county but WHY we do it and HOW we approach it are the same at all of our NEWBREAK locations.

**Local Campus Outreach:** Our hope is for the church to be an active participant in our communities. This requires listening and jumping in to help when opportunities come up. Serving single mothers, partnering with local schools, serving alongside safe houses, participating in community celebrations and parades, blessing our police departments, fire departments and lifeguards are just a few examples of local campus outreaches that have happened in the past year.

**Global Outreach:** Newbreak partners with numerous global outreach partnerships and overseas missionaries. Talk to your campus leaders to learn about how you could serve in upcoming opportunities. These could include building houses in Mexico, overseas mission trips, coming alongside local refugee families, supporting anti-human trafficking efforts and more.

## Hospitality Ministries

Hospitality Ministries help create a welcoming and loving experience for every person who experiences a Newbreak worship service or event.

**Greeter:** This team is responsible for the whole guest experience: from the parking lot, a friendly “hello” at the doors, to answering any questions one may have.

**Coffee:** As a member of this team you will create a warm and welcoming atmosphere for guests by brewing and serving coffee with a smile.

**Ushers:** As a member of this team you will create a warm and welcoming atmosphere for guests by assisting with the offering and communion moments.

**Set Up and Tear Down:** Helps to maintain the building and assists in set up and breakdown of our services and special events.

**Next Step Team:** Serves in the Next Step Class and helps connect new volunteers and members.

**Administrative Team:** Facilitates data entry on Sundays during services. Helps with various administrative tasks to facilitate ministry needs.



# Volunteer Application

\*There will be an additional application and background check required to serve in Kids Ministry and Student Ministry.

## Personal Information:

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Male Female

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Ministry Teams (Circle the Ministry Team you'd like to serve on):

### Family Ministries

*Nursery  
Elementary  
Preschool  
Check-In  
Students*

### Hospitality

*Greeter  
Coffee  
Set Up/Tear Down  
Ushers  
Administrative  
Connect Team*

### Outreach

*Local Campus Outreach  
Hope Center*

### Life Groups

*Life Group Leader  
Prayer Team*

### Worship

*Production  
Worship (Audition Required)  
Other \_\_\_\_\_*

### My First Serve:

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Service time: \_\_\_\_\_

I want to join a life group (circle): Yes! Not at this time. Already in one.