

# Connecting Ministries

## Our LIFE Group Experience

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We have been members of Colonial for almost 3 years now after moving to the area from Florida in 2005. We were married in 1999 and settled on the Presbyterian Church as a compromise from our Catholic/Methodist backgrounds. We strayed away from church once we were married for various reasons, but our lives took a drastic change on Dec 2, 2001.

Laura went to the hospital for a severe case of hives. She was misadministered epinephrine by IV while being treated, causing her to have a medically induced heart-attack. I called for help; the doctor came and realized a mistake had been made (the epi should've have been given as a shot into a muscle, not directly into the IV). A crash cart was rushed in as I was shoved out of the room. Metal trays crashed to the floor and all I heard was "CLEAR." As I waited to hear her condition, I scrolled through my cell phone trying to figure out whom to call, only to later realize that I should've been on my knees praying--calling God. He used this accident to bring us back to church and to finally create for both of us a close, personal relationship with Him.

After this "wake-up call," we started attending a small church plant. We knew we needed something. Only later did we realize the deep spiritual void in our lives

that only God could fill. We joined a small group, not knowing much about anything. As our group grew, we had to split it to keep it intimate, personal and beneficial. We were asked to join a new group being formed and led by our pastor. Initially, we didn't want to go because we were comfortable and secure in our old group. However, we "got out of the boat" and our discomfort did not last long. We were so richly blessed during that time; we were mentored, loved-on, and grew in so many ways.



Looking back, we were being shepherded by our pastor for greater things. What we learned in those two years in this small group helped make us into two Christians who love the Lord and try to serve Him however He desires. When we were faced with moving to KC, we felt equipped for the move, that God had been preparing us to be sent out to do His work. Now we are leading our first LIFE Group here.

Joining a LIFE Group at Colonial can meet one of many needs. Maybe you are early in your walk with Jesus, maybe you are looking to grow your faith, or maybe you are looking to share what you have learned with others. It can all happen through a LIFE Group. "Get out of the boat" today and join Pastor Jim and others at Colonial in doing God's work!