

# Small Group Leader Overview for this Fall

## *A Six week All Play then a Six Week Follow-On Study*

Group leaders, this fall is an exciting and unique time in the life of Hope. Our All Play, **Taking Flight** will follow Mike's weekly messages for six weeks, then be followed by a six week study the church is developing called **Anchored** (see Hebrews 6:19-20) that will help us be firmly established as disciples in a world that is anything but solid.

In total, this is twelve weeks, running from the week of September 9/10 to around the end of November or the first week of December depending on your group's schedule.

## **Fall All Play: *Taking Flight!* Understanding How God Changes You**

### **All Play Summary:**

- This All Play aligns with Mike's weekend message series **Taking Flight**
- It starts the week of September 9/10 for six weeks
- *Taking Flight* will help people understand how we need God to empower us to live the Christian life (you can't fly on your own, but you can hop on a jet and it can lift you) and draws from the book of Romans.
- Your All Play group curriculum will be online via the regular Message Based Studies tab (no book)

### **What do I need to do before the All Play?**

- Group Connect weekend is Aug. 26/27
- If you, as a current group leader, have indicated you have room in your group for new people then by late Sunday evening the Area Pastors will you send prospects via email. We ask you to follow up by Monday evening Aug. 28 with each prospect.
- We have found they need to "hear your voice and see your face" in order to be most likely to actually connect with your group by attending. Call in addition to email. Please try to arrange to meet them before the All Play, perhaps by suggesting you sit together in worship.

### **What is special about this All Play?**

- Challenge to serve selflessly together as a group at least once in your community some time during the six weeks, and put what we are learning into practice. We will walk you through some tips on doing this.
- It sets up the six-week follow-on study **AFTER** the All Play to build on what we've learned (see below).

## ***Anchored Study:***

This is a free, online, six-week study for **all** small groups to become more established as disciples. It is a great tool to ground you and your group in key truths, actions, and habits that will help you grow as a disciple and make disciples.

### ***The 6 topics covered are:***

1. **Why Am I Here (purpose/gospel)** – *I'm God's representative & must be thoroughly grounded in the gospel myself*
2. **Living A New Way** – *I'm a new creation but the "old" tries to cling to me; how can I live the new way?*
3. **Growing by God's Word** – *What is the Bible, why God gave it, how do we understand, study, & grow by it*
4. **Growing by Prayer** – *what, why, how; listening to God, developing the daily habit, growing by it*
5. **The Church** – *why gather, God's purpose, what we receive, what we give, one-another's, serve, gifts*
6. **Sharing My Faith** - *our commission, my story, the art of neighboring, making disciples not just decision*

Each unit will include short teaching videos, web and PDF resources. Each session will also have **a range of practical "next steps"** from entry level to advanced so that it is both accessible and challenging to everyone. Mike is encouraging every group to go through this immediately after the All Play. More info coming soon!