

// BE THE CHURCH BY SERVING //

**READ ROMANS 12:6-8 [NIV]**

**COMMENTARY:** *In verse 6, Paul tells us that we all have different gifts according to the grace given to each of us. If God did not expect all of us to use our gifts, He wouldn't have given us each different gifts. He would have only given 20% of the people gifts to do 80% of the work. At Newbreak, we believe that when we are connected with God, doing life with others in authentic relationships, it is for a purpose and that is not just to grow into consumeristic Christians who are only concerned about themselves. As Christ-followers, we are all called to serve others. The cool thing is we don't all have to do it the same way, but we get to serve through the unique gifts and in ways consistent with how God has wired us. At Newbreak, we want to help you find the right place for you to use the gifts with which you have been blessed*

**QUESTION 7:** *What are some practical ways you can begin to serve at Newbreak?*

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**QUESTION 8:** *What is it you need to re-align in your "world" in order to serve in a ministry inside or outside the church on a regular and consistent basis?*

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**QUESTION 9:** *What excites you about being able to serve at Newbreak?*

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 **STRATEGY**

-  *Begin the week in worship*
-  *Belong together in Life Groups*
-  *Be the church by serving*



LIFE GROUP PARTICIPANT GUIDE

WEEK 2

**MEMORY VERSE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship."

# Romans 12:1-8 // One Strategy

## Week 2 - Main Emphasis: Newbreak's Strategy

Welcome to week 2 of our church-wide study, ONE. Last week, we began exploring Newbreak's Vision Frame by looking at our mission: connecting people with God through authentic relationships to serve communities. This week, we will learn about the strategy for engaging others into the mission of Newbreak. Our unified strategy has three parts and consists of:

*Beginning the week in worship*  
*Belonging together in Life Groups*  
*Being the church by serving*

### // BEGIN THE WEEK IN WORSHIP //

#### READ ROMANS 12:1-3 [NIV]

**COMMENTARY:** *Worship is our response to God's mercy in our life. There are many things in each of our "worlds" that will constantly give us other options for how we spend our time. As Christ-followers, attending church regularly needs to be part of our regular weekly rhythm. This is why Newbreak offers many different service times on Saturday and Sunday at our five different campuses to make it easier for us to all begin our week in worship. With so many other things vying for our attention and our family's time - especially here in San Diego -- we must choose to make this a priority, as it won't happen otherwise. If we want to hear from God regularly, we need to regularly put ourselves where the word of God is taught and where we can worship with other Christ-followers. When we settle for just being "average, then that's what we'll see in our lives spiritually.*

#### READ HEBREWS 10:24-25 [NIV]

**QUESTION 1:** *What are the other options in your "world" that compete with you beginning your week in worship by regularly attending church on the weekends?*

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**QUESTION 2:** *What are some practical steps you can take to remove these competing roadblocks in your "world"?*

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**QUESTION 3:** *What energizes you most about accepting the challenge to committing to attending church regularly? What are you anticipating God will do through it?*

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### // BELONG TOGETHER IN LIFE GROUPS //

#### READ ROMANS 12:4-5 [NIV]

**COMMENTARY:** *We cannot be the people God designed us to be when we are doing life on our own. We function as one part of a larger group and cannot do what God calls us to do if separated from the "body" of believers. Paul emphasizes in verses 4-5 that although the different functions and gifts of the "body" are necessary for the health and enrichment of the whole, so in Christ, by our common union with Him, we who are many form one body. As one body of believers, each of us belongs to each other, that is, we are dependent on one another, and our "oneness" is enhanced by our diversity.*

*At Newbreak, we believe the best way to foster authentic relationships is in Life Groups. At the weekend worship experience, we can hear God's Word but we can't spend the time needed to get to know people. When it comes to relationships, we are better in circles than we are in rows. By explaining that we "belong" to the others, as Paul does in verse 5, he is highlighting how even if we think we don't individually or personally "need" to be in a life groups someone else likely needs us to be in one. What if we are supposed to be in a particular group specifically for someone else's needs?*

**QUESTION 4:** *What are the biggest roadblocks in your "world" that keep you from committing to being in a Life Group?*

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**QUESTION 5:** *What are the distractors that might keep you from fully engaging in your Life Group?*

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**QUESTION 6:** *What are some practical steps you can take to be fully engaged in your Life Group?*

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