

# The Three Frameworks

While each DNA Group will certainly have its own flavor, you can get a sense of what they might look like by checking out what we call the three DNA Group “Frameworks.” We’ve developed these frameworks as a way of providing structure and direction for DNA Groups to make use of if they so desire. Each of the three frameworks designed for use in Mercy Hill’s DNA Groups utilize carefully crafted questions as a way of guiding the process of discipleship to Jesus and renewal in His image. They all have the same end goal (to Discover, Nurture, and Apply Christ until He is all in all) but they come at it from three different angles or starting points.

- The *Life Framework* gives you a set of questions to help you take each member’s life as the starting point and move towards God and the gospel together from there.
- The *Scripture Framework* gives you a set of questions to help you take the Scriptures as the starting point and move towards the heart and life of each member from there.
- The *Resource Framework* gives you a set of questions to help you take some other Christian resource (e.g. a sermon, book, article, etc.) as the starting point and move towards Jesus and the transformed life from there.

These frameworks will soon be made available on [mercyhillchurch.org](http://mercyhillchurch.org) in either *Worksheet* or *Cue Card* format. Worksheets can be printed out and written on by the various members of your group if you think this might prove helpful. Cue Cards simply provide the questions for use in your times of discussion with no room for notes (see samples of these below). You may want to download and save them on your phone for ease of reference. Whichever format you prefer, the goal is not that you stick woodenly to each and every question but that you begin to get a more intuitive feel for facilitating a group and asking questions that lead people to Discover, Nurture, and Apply Christ together until He is all in all!

## DNA Group | Life Framework

<b>What’s Been Good?</b>	What evidence of God’s grace have you seen in your life lately? What has God been up to? How can we give thanks together?
<b>What’s Been Hard?</b>	What’s been particularly trying in your life lately? How do you need God’s help? How can we pray together?
<b>Where Are You?</b>	How are you responding to the things you are facing? What are you doing? How are you feeling? Where are you tempted? What desires or fears lay underneath your responses? Have you been walking in or out of step with the gospel (cf. Gal 2:14)? What’s been right in your responses? What’s been wrong? How can we confess our sins together?
<b>Where Is God?</b>	What does God say and do in these situations? What does He promise and command? How has He been ministering to you lately? What Scripture comes to mind? Get out your Bible and read. How does the good news of Jesus meet you in these things and show you the way forward? Are you trusting in and walking with Him? What would this next week look like if you were? How can we help?

# DNA Group | Scripture Framework

<b>Headlines</b>	Share briefly. What's been good? What's been hard? What trials and temptations are you currently facing? How are you doing in the midst of these things? As we prepare to open the Scriptures together, where do you most need God to speak and act?
<b>Discover</b>	What do you see in this text? What questions do you have? What answers can you find? What is God revealing to you here? Is there an attribute to adore, a truth to trust, a promise to hope in, a command to obey, a warning to heed, an example to follow? How does what He is revealing here connect to what He has revealed to us in the person and work of Jesus? Every verse in Scripture becomes good news when run through the cross of Christ. Let's preach the good news to ourselves once more.
<b>Nurture</b>	Do you believe the things God is revealing to you in this text? If there's an attribute, are you adoring? If there's a truth, are you trusting? If there's a promise, are you hoping? If there's a command, are you obeying? If there's a warning, are you heeding? If there's an example, are you following? Why or why not? What's in the way? How are these things being tested in what you are currently facing? How can Jesus come to your rescue? Let's make the good confession once more.
<b>Apply</b>	What would this text look like walking out into the details of your life? Think again about what you are currently facing. If you adored, trusted, hoped in, obeyed, heeded, followed, how would it change your next 24 hours? Each day has enough trouble of its own (Matt 6:34). If this word from God can touch the next few hours, it will start to touch our lives as a whole. Let's identify one thing we each can do to apply this. Who else in our lives might need to hear this? Let's bear the good fruit once more.

# DNA Group | Resource Framework

<b>Headlines</b>	Share briefly. What's been good? What's been hard? What trials and temptations are you currently facing? How are you doing in the midst of these things? How can we pray?
<b>Quotes</b>	What quote(s) stood out to you as particularly important or relevant? What do you think the quote(s) means? How is what we learn here supported in the Bible? How does it connect to the good news of Jesus? How do these words minister to you personally? Do they expose ways you need to repent and trust God afresh? How do they apply to your life? How should they influence the way you walk into this upcoming week? How can Jesus help? How can we?
<b>Questions</b>	What did you find hard to understand? What questions were left lingering in your mind? What would you like to tease out a bit more and consider together? Please do not be afraid to ask questions. In fact, if we don't have any questions, it likely means we're not engaging the resource all that well!
<b>Quarrels</b>	Was there anything that you disagreed with? Why? To disagree is not the same as being disagreeable. You can hold a different opinion with humility and charity. This is not an invitation to be nitpicky but an encouragement to think deeply. Please do not be afraid to disagree. In fact, if we agree with everything, it likely means we're not engaging the resource all that well!