



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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Dear Life Group Leaders,

Memorial Day is just behind us, which means summer is just ahead of us. That means it's time to start discussing with your group what your plans will be for the summer months. Some of you, I'm sure, have already done that. But if you're still deciding, the coaching tip this week will be helpful to you. It lays out both the pros and cons of taking a break during the summer, as well as two short case studies of what happened the first summer one particular group chose to take a break and the dilemma they then faced as the second summer approached. I'm sure you'll enjoy both the article and the feedback from readers who describe the process they've gone through in leading their groups to a decision.

For those groups that plan to continue through the summer, we plan to take a break from Luke's gospel for several weeks and preach a series called "When God's People Pray." I think you'll find it inspiring and helpful both personally and for our church as a family. Instead of study questions each week, we are encouraging groups to do Jim Cymbala's DVD study on the same name - "When God's People Pray." It's powerful and life-changing. The office can order both the DVD and the workbooks for your group. The cost of the workbooks is \$10 apiece. Let us know if you'd like to take part in this study or preview it ahead of time. Once you make a decision about your summer plans, please email us at the church office and let us know what you intend to do, so that we can pray intelligently for your group and provide the support you need.

As for this week's study, it comes from a challenging section in Luke chapter 11 on the conflict between the kingdom of darkness and the kingdom of God. To help you think through the passage and prepare yourself for the discussion, we've downloaded a message from John MacArthur called "The Vilification of Jesus."

Please let us know if we can help you with any questions from the study or pray for any particular needs that have arisen in your group. We appreciate your ministry.

God bless you all!

Pastors Gary and Glen