

Doing Life Together-Community Groups

As the "Body of Christ" and the "Family of God" we are created in Christ to live and grow together. We are meant to build each other up, push each other forward and walk the Christian journey arm in arm. Living this out daily requires being a part of an intimate group of people—people who know you and love you enough to partner with you as you walk with God. Community Groups are designed to encourage such relationships.

Our Community Groups provide opportunities for smaller groups of people to gather and “do life together.” Each week folks meet to laugh with each other, study the Bible, share joys and struggles, and pray for one another. Community Groups are designed to be a place to foster this love and acceptance with the purpose of growing toward maturity in Christ. It is meant to be a family which serves, cares, and learns from each other.

People in our body continue to encounter life in their small groups:

“House building is always an experience. Some of the guys from our small group came over and helped raise some walls Sunday after church. It was a great bonding time for us, actually. Then we all went out to dinner. I guess this is what our Community Group is all about – building things together while we’re growing together.”-Robert Lyons.

“When we began meeting with our Community Group nearly two years ago, I had the idea that we would meet together, do a small group Bible study, pray and go home. I never realized how much I would come to love the other families, to understand their triumphs, their fears, their failures and would love them all the more because of the vulnerability and honesty that small groups foster. To commune means to be in an honest, authentic and personal relationship with God ... and with others. Within our Community Group, we have become more than just fellow believers, we have become friends, and confidants... true brothers and sisters in Christ.”
-Patty Crabbe

The Christian life was never meant to be done alone. When people come together with the purpose of loving God and each other, partnerships are formed that reflect a unity and love like none the world has ever seen. True community then becomes an expression of the words of Jesus, "They will know you are my disciples if you love one another."

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