



“Groups”

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We want to be intentional about Making Disciples...

***Three reasons why Groups are a big part of our strategy and why everyone should be in one.**

1. **Quality Pastoral _____:**

- Ezekiel 34:1-6
- The average size of a U.S. Church is less than _____.
- SLC is in the top _____% and considered a mid-sized church.
- Churches often remain small because about _____ people is all one Pastor can effectively care for.
- Ephesians 4:11-16
 - o The role of the Pastor/Elder is an equipper (v.12)
 - o The role of the people is to minister (v.12,16)
 - o The fruit of balanced ministry, where each member is doing their share, is growth and edification (v. 16)
- Example of Jesus and the Early Church

2. **Life _____:**

- **Accountability**
- **Encouragement**
- **Open honest sharing**
- **Prayer support**
- **Learning from and with others**
- **Practical Bible application**
- **Serving one another and serving together**

3. **Authentic Christian _____:**

- Acts 2:41-47
 - o They had a common bond in Christ
 - o They had a common belief system
 - o They had a common purpose
 - o They had a common love
- We all need to _____ and be _____.
 - o Mark 12:31; Jn 15:12; Jn 13:34-35
 - o About 59 “One Another” commands in the N.T., 21 of them call for Christians to Love One Another.
- Our Groups are to be places of authentic Christian Community
 - o Where there is genuine love and care.
 - o Where you are more than a number.
 - o Where you are connected and belong.
 - o Where you are in a safe place to share and get prayer support.
 - o Where relationships get beyond the surface of the Sunday Service.

“As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.” Proverbs 27:17

Are you in a Group?

Your Next Step?

GROUP LEADER PRAYER