

<sup>41</sup>So those who received his [Peter's] word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. <sup>42</sup>And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.

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<sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people.

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And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

—Acts 2:41-47 ESV

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“Koinonia” = Common

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“Christianity is not a religion for solitude and solitary. The Bible knows nothing of solitary religion.”

—John Wesley

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Why L-I-F-E groups?

Love

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And this is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as He has commanded us.

—1 John 3:23 ESV

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<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. —1 John 4:7-9 ESV

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<sup>34</sup>A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

<sup>35</sup>By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.

—John 13:34-35 ESV

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Why L-I-F-E groups?

Instruct

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<sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” —Matthew 28:18-20 ESV

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... <sup>23</sup>since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; <sup>24</sup>for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, <sup>25</sup>but the word of the Lord remains forever.” And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

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<sup>1</sup>So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. <sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—  
<sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. —1 Peter 1:23–2:3 ESV

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... <sup>5</sup>but whoever keeps His word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in Him: <sup>6</sup>whoever says he abides in Him ought to walk in the same way in which He walked.  
 —1 John 2:5-6 ESV

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Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.  
 —1 John 3:18 ESV

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Why L-I-F-E groups?

Fight

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“Community is hard work. As a result, many people love the idea of community more than the experience of community.”  
 —Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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Why L-I-F-E groups?

Engage

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—Acts 2:46-47 ESV

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“They lived ordinary lives with gospel intentionality.”

—Total Church, Tim Chester & Steve Timmis

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**THE CHURCH**

**everyone.**  
**everywhere.**  
**everyday.**

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