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IT'S NOT LIFE WITHOUT IT!

Matthew 18:20 (LB); 1 Timothy 3:15 (NCV)

TRUTH: Teams are vital to support, protect and encourage each other (Genesis 2:18 Msg).

INSIGHT: Whether you live single or you marry is irrelevant; the issue is that you need people in your life.

TRUTH: God is with a Life Group in a way He isn't in corporate worship (Matthew 18:20).

TRUTH: One nefarious lie Satan spreads is: "You don't need to be part of a church to live for God" (1 Timothy 3:15 NCV; Acts 2:46).

TWO PROTOCOLS OF THE EARLY CHURCH: Weekly large group worship and small group fellowship/Bible study.

QUESTION: What does a Life Group do?

I. DIG INTO THE BIBLE (Acts 2:42 Msg).

TRUTH: If there's no Bible study, it's a club, not a Life Group. It's a clique, a party.

INSIGHT: Group Bible study meets a need that personal Bible study can't.

*If you would be a LIFE GROUP "HOST":

1. Have a heart for people.
2. Open your home.
3. Serve something to drink (coffee/water).
4. Turn on a DVD if needed.

If that's you, let us know for future Life Group development. We can't keep building buildings; we need as much finances as possible to reach a lost Lufkin, Texas, America and the World... Life Groups meeting in homes is our future hope.

II. DO ACTS OF LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER.

INSIGHT: Life Groups are laboratories of learning.

TRUTH: The number one purpose of your life is to learn how to love (Matt. 22:36-39).

INSIGHT: Loving God isn't enough.

TRUTH: Life Group is the best place to learn to love others.

INSIGHT: Love is only learned with people different from you.

INSIGHT: In every Life Group there are people who really get on your nerves! They're identified as EGR's = extra grace required people.

TRUTH: God put you in a group with someone like that, so you could learn to be gracious, kind and loving.

TRUTH: The Bible word for practicing love is fellowship.

III. DIVE INTO A GOOD MEAL (Acts 2:42).

INSIGHT: Jesus did much of His ministry to the lost at food gatherings (Matthew 11:19).

IV. DEVOTE TIME TO PRAYER (Matthew 18:19).

INSIGHT: I know through the years this church has prayed for me, but there are times I need you to pray over me.

V. DETERMINE NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND.

TRUTH: In Life Group, what I have is to be used to help another.

TRUTH: Helping others exercises the unselfishness muscle.

INSIGHT: God made each of us with abilities and blessings that can help others (1 Peter 4:10 LB).

INVITATION: Three attitudes that'll make Life Group explode:

1. Make group a priority.
2. Share with humility.
3. Respect other ideas.