

Question: Have you been waiting for the perfect group to appear, when God might be waiting for you to create it?



Point 4: Every Group Has One Job: Help Someone Take One Step Closer to God

4a: The goal is growth, not just gathering

Hebrews 10:24 (NKJV)

And let us **consider one another** in order to **stir up love and good works,**

Hebrews 10:25 (NKJV)

not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but **exhorting one another,** and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

We do not gather just to gather. We gather to stir each other up. Every meeting should move someone one step forward.

4b: One step looks different for every person

Philippians 1:6 (NKJV)

being confident of this very thing, that **He who has begun a good work in you will complete it** until the day of Jesus Christ;

4c: Discipleship is multiplication

2 Timothy 2:2 (NKJV)

And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, **commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.**

Paul to Timothy-Timothy to faithful men-Faithful men to others. That is generational discipleship, and it is the pattern healthy groups

The success of a group is not measured by how many attend, but by how many take their next step."

Question: What is YOUR one next step, and who are you going to tell about it this week?

Ecclesiastes 4:9 (NKJV)

Two are better than one, Because they have a good reward for their labor.

Better Together: The Biblical Necessity of Proximity Sunday, August 30, 2026

Proximity: means more than just standing near someone; it denotes the necessity of being positioned where your life, your gifts, and your presence are accessible to your brothers and sisters in the faith. It is the essential "nearness" required for iron to sharpen iron.

We are part of an eternal family once we accept Christ.

Ephesians 3:14 (NKJV)

For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Ephesians 3:15 (NKJV)

from whom **the whole family in heaven and earth** is named,

What would happen if every believer tried to make every other believer successful in their relationship with Christ and one another.

Every believer has a divine mandate reproduce the life of Christ in others

Fellowship: A deep, binding commitment between believers to live out the life of Christ as one body. It is an active partnership where we hold each other accountable to God's truth, bear one another's burdens through sacrificial love, and labor side-by-side as a unified force to advance the Kingdom of God on earth.

We see a supernatural pattern of the Holy Spirit in the book of Acts

Acts 1:15 (NKJV) the church started with 120. They are filled with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:41 (NKJV) Peter preaches in 3000 people are saved

Acts 2:47 (NKJV) people are added daily to the church.

Acts 4:4 (NKJV) a lame man is healed, Peter preaches, 5000 men not counting women and children added to the church

Acts 5:14 (NKJV) believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women,

Acts 6:1 (NKJV) there's a problem in the church, seven men are appointed to take care of it, the number of the disciples started multiplying...

Acts 6:7 (NKJV) Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly.

Acts 21:20 (NKJV) You see, brother, how many myriads of Jews there are who have believed...

Acts 5:42 (NKJV)

And **daily in the temple**, and **in every house**, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

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Acts 2:46 (NKJV)

So continuing **daily with one accord in the temple**, and breaking bread **from house to house**, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,

Acts 2:47 (NKJV)

praising God and **having favor** with all the people. And **the Lord added to the church daily** those who were being saved.

Point 1: God Designed You for Relationship, Not Isolation

1a: Isolation is not God's plan for your life

Genesis 2:18 (NKJV)

And the Lord God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."

1b: Iron sharpens iron in proximity

Proverbs 27:17 (NKJV)

As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.

1c: A cord of three strands is not easily broken

Ecclesiastes 4:12 (NKJV)

Though **one may be overpowered** by another, **two can withstand** him. And a **threefold cord** is not quickly broken.

You were saved into a family, not an audience. God never called anyone to watch the kingdom; He called you to belong to it.

Question: Who in your life right now knows what you are actually going through? If the answer is no one, what does that tell you?

Point 2: Your Life Can Become Your Ministry

2a: God uses what is already in your hand

Exodus 4:2 (NKJV)

So the Lord said to him, "What is that in your hand?" He said, "A rod."

2b: Whatever you do, do it unto the Lord

Colossians 3:17 (NKJV)

And **whatever you do in word or deed**, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

2c: Every believer has a gift to serve others

1 Peter 4:10 (NKJV)

As **each one has received a gift**, minister it to one another, as **good stewards** of the manifold grace of God.

Don't stop your life to do ministry. Turn your life into ministry

Question: What passion or hobby do you have that you have never offered to Him?

Point 3: Freedom and Variety Reach More People Than Uniformity

3a: God Himself loves variety

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

There are diversities of gifts, differences of ministries, diversities of activities but it is the same God who works all in all.

3b: Meet people where they are

1 Corinthians 9:22 (NKJV)

I have **become all things** to all men, that I **might by all means save some**.

3c: Where two or three gather, Jesus shows up

Matthew 18:20 (NKJV)

For **where two or three are gathered together** in My name, I **am there in the midst** of them."

The church does not grow when we make people fit our program. It grows when we make room for people to bring their passion.