

Small Groups: The Benefits of Belonging

In today's world, when a person is looking for employment, the benefits package has become equally important with the pay itself! Why? Because the benefits a company provides can make a huge contribution to the quality of life issue that is critically important to all of us.

Likewise, in Christ's church, finding quality of life spiritually is tied directly to experiencing the "benefits package" of small groups. Simply stated: *The better our small groups, the better our spiritual growth.* So, in this "part two" message of the Get Connected series, we want to focus directly on discovering the blessings God gives us when we become involved in a Biblically healthy small group.

Why Small Groups?

The Benefits Of Small Groups

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Next Steps

1. (Hebrews 10:24-25) Make a small group ...
2. (Eph. 4:3; Psalm 133:1) Use the small group ministry to...
3. (Psalm 65:4) Grasp the potential for how much good can...
4. (Gal. 6:2) Support one another “like crazy” in ...

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For Thought & Talk

In your small group, take 5 minutes to review the main points of the message and choose from the following questions for discussion.

1. If a piece of coal is removed from a burning pile of coal, what happens to that individual piece of coal? In similar manner, how does the fact that we are living in an increasingly isolated world play into Satan's plan to defeat us spiritually? What are some of the reasons why Christians choose to isolate themselves from other believers and don't interact within the context of a healthy small group?
2. Read aloud Acts 2:46-47. Look at the “meeting pattern” of the early church in terms of “in the temple” and “house to house.” Is there good reason to believe that this should be the church life meeting pattern that Christians follow today? Why or why not?
3. Take a close look at the “PACKAGE” of benefits that result from involvement in a healthy small group. What benefit or two has meant the most to you lately within your own small group? Are there benefits that your group has been missing? What needs to be done to help your group reinstitute any neglected benefits?
4. Why is it important to build leadership of others within a group and then plan to split the group for multiplications into other groups?