

Get A Real Life!

Acts 2:42-47

Eight reasons to join a small group

1. You will understand the Bible better
2. You will be connected with the church family
3. Prayer will become more meaningful to you
4. You will handle the stresses and pressures of life better
5. You will have a natural way to reach out to those who do not know Christ
6. You will develop leadership skills
7. Your understanding of worship will deepen
8. You will be a New Testament Christian

R-E-A-L Christian Life is:

R—Relational

“⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”

—Acts 2:42

3 essential relationships

- Intimacy with God
- Community with believers
- Influence with those outside the faith

E—Encouraging

“²⁴And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. ²⁵Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” --Hebrews 10:24-25

Each small group is a place where you can be:

- Yourself,
- Encouraged, and
- Part of a church family.

Home is the place where, when you have to go there, they have to take you in.

~Robert Frost, *The Death of the Hired Man*

A—Authentic (Community)

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koinwnia koinonia

Acts 2:42-47 describes true Christian *koinonia*:

The believers:

Worshipped, Worked, Ate, Prayed, Studied, and Donated together.

True friends defined:

In addition to the pastor or family members, someone you could call anytime and know they would not let you down?

L—Life Changing

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Five years from now you will be pretty much the same as you are today except for two things; the books you read and the people you get close to.

—Charles Jones

Life Change includes:

- **Informational learning**
- **Transformational learning**
- **Practical learning**

Memory verse:

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