**Series: For... September 23, 2018**

**Message: For Thriving Relationships**

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**Thrive:** *To grow VIGOROUSLY!*

**Followers of Jesus love one another. It’s just what we do!**

John 13:34-35 | 1 Thessalonians 3:12 | 2 Thessalonians 1:3

**How do we love one another?**

1 John 3:16-20 | Hebrews 10:24-25 | Galatians 5:13

**Joining a Life Group gives you an opportunity to:**

* Know the One who first loved you.
* Grow in love toward others.
* Allow others to love you.
* Build thriving relationships transforming others into friends.

**Life Group Study**

For week of September 23, 2018

*Welcome to our fall session of Life Groups! In this first meeting, take a little extra time to get to know each other. Many of our Life Groups use this insert as a discussion guide throughout the week. We encourage you to take that next step in your journey with Jesus & His church by joining one today!* ***www.seekreallife.com/groups***

**Share your story**

What insight, question, or resolution did you discover from our time of worship together on Sunday?

What was the most amazing thing you experienced this last summer?

Is there one thing you’ve learned over the summer you’d like to share with your group?

**Connect to God’s story**

*Read each of the following verses; identify the “one another” command and how it can benefit your group and our church:*

 • Galatians 5:13-15

 • 1 Thessalonians 5:12-15

 • 1 Corinthians 12:12, 22-26

What would make the previous verses nearly impossible to fulfill in a large group or by yourself?

What steps do you need to take today to develop thriving relationships in your own life?

*Relationships can be hard work and can take a lot of time and trust to develop. Read the following verses and write down the attitudes mentioned that you can bring to your Life Group:*

• Proverbs 12:18

• Proverbs 15:23

• Psalm 19:14

• Ephesians 4:15-16

• James 1:19

• Hebrews 3:12-14

“… I have come so that they may have life,

and may have it abundantly.”

 - John 10:10 (NIV)

**THE PURPOSE OF LIFE GROUPS**

*Life Groups exist to promote spiritual maturity and personal growth through meaningful relationships with Jesus and each other through the study of God’s Word (Romans 8:29 & Hebrews 10:24-25).*

Here’s how we accomplish this in our community throughout
the week:

**SHARE**

Each week we’ll take time to share what is happening in our lives. At first this sharing will include planned “sharing questions.” But after the first few weeks, it will become more informal and personal as we feel more comfortable.

**STUDY**

Each week we’ll study a section from God’s Word that relates to the previous weekend’s sermon or an appropriate personal growth topic. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Christianity in everyday life.

**SUPPORT**

Each week we’ll learn how to take care of one another as Christ commanded (John 15:9-13). This care can take many forms such as prayer, encouragement, listening, challenging one another and meeting real needs.

**SERVE**

Spiritual growth is fostered not only by what we gain through the support and input of others, but also through service to others. The role each of us fills is important to the health of the church and for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the community in which we live (Ephesians 4:11-16).

Throughout the quarter, it is our hope that you can find and/or be affirmed in the ways God has designed you to serve and make a difference in God’s kingdom!

***Fall Session of Life Groups start this week.***

***So, take that next step and sign up right after service today!***

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