**Searching for Significance September 26, 2021**

**Message: Wholly Significant**

**Question:** How do we do this new life?

**Answer:** Together.

Romans 12:4-6

A new life in Christ is a connected life.

Philippians 2:1-4

It takes time with God’s people to grow.

Acts 2:42

The connected life provides accountability to grow.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

There is healing in a connected life.

Ephesians 2:12-13 | Romans 15:6-7

**Life Group Study**

For week of September 26, 2021

*Welcome to our fall session of Life Groups! 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!* [*https://rlc.pub/groups*](https://rlc.pub/groups)

**Share your story**

If you could pick one word or phrase to describe this last summer, what would it be? Why?

What is one thing you are excited about as you head into fall?

In what way does God want you to serve someone this week?
Who is God placing on your heart?

What have you learned about significance during this series?

**Connect to God’s story**

**Read John 13:1.**

What are some ways Jesus loved his disciples during his ministry on earth? Why do you think John is pointing back to all he has previously written at this point?

How is Jesus going to “love them to the very end”?

**Read John 13:34-35.**

*The love Jesus refers to is selfless and self-sacrificing.* How are you doing loving each other? What is the significance of loving others Jesus’ way to those not yet connect to our community?

In considering this passage, how do you think Jesus desires to stretch you this fall?

*One characteristic of a healthy community (church) is how we interact with each other. In Ephesians, Paul shares with us a glimpse of what love looks like in action.*

**Read Ephesians 4:1-3.**

What are ways Paul is showing us to love each other in this passage?

How can this be helpful as we learn and grow together as a group? Do you think there will be times this might be put to the test?

Are you making every effort toward unity in our community?

How can our being together in Christ help you find the significance you’re searching for?

*As you conclude your time together,* ***read Ephesians 3:14-21*** *as a prayer together. Praise God that he is at work and desires to do infinitely more than we might ask or think!*

**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 by following Jesus.

**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!