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"LIFE GROUPS: IT'S BEING CONNECTED"

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ROMANS 12:4-5 (ESV), "For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so, WE, THOUGH MANY, ARE ONE BODY IN CHRIST, and individually, members one of another."

This whole month is about one thing: WHAT IT MEANS TO BE CONNECTED TO YOUR CHURCH FAMILY (Genesis 2:18).

TRUTH: We were made for relationships. The Bible calls connecting people at the deepest level: Fellowship.

TRUTH: Biblical fellowship in its truest sense is soul-to-soul connection.

TRUTH: All of us need regular human contact.

TRUTH: Church isn't a place to attend but a group to be connected to. We all need people to do life with.

I. CONNECTION IS LIKE BEING A BRICK IN A BUILDING (Ephesians 2:18, 20, 22 ESV).

INSIGHT: You can attend worship, sing the songs, hear God's Word, fill out your Life Point outline, talk to people in the 'Mall' and still be a spectator because you're not connected (Ephesians 2:21 NLT).

TRUTH: Connection is one of the deepest needs in life.

II. CONNECTION IS LIKE BEING A PART OF A BODY (Romans 12:4-5 LB).

TRUTH: The Bible calls the Church the Body of Christ over and over.

INSIGHT: Many body parts are small, but importance isn't based on size.

TRUTH: There are no little, insignificant people in the Body of Christ.

TRUTH: The Christian life isn't just a matter of believing but also of belonging.

TRUTH: Believers disconnected from other believers eventually become useless to God.

III. CONNECTION IS LIKE BEING A MEMBER OF A FAMILY (1 Timothy 3:14-15).

TRUTH: The church isn't like a family; the church is a family (Romans 12:10).

TRUTH: Church membership means you're not a spectator but a participator.

INVITATION: 2 Corinthians 8:5, "They gave themselves FIRST to the Lord AND THEN by the will of God TO US."

FIRST BASE COMMITMENTS:

1. Commit your life to Christ.
2. Commit yourself to this local body of believers...LIFE 101.
3. Connect yourself to an established Life Group or become a Life Group Leader and let us help you grow it.

*You DON'T have to be a member to belong to a Life Group.