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"LIFE GROUPS: MAKING A DIFFERENCE, MAKING FRIENDS"

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ACTS 13:36, (ESV), "For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep..."

Today the focus is on two aspects LIFE GROUPS are designed to support:

1. Making a difference in this world.
2. Making friends for time and eternity.

I. MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THIS WORLD...DON'T WASTE YOUR LIFE.

People tend to live at one of three levels:

1. The first is survival.
2. The second is success.
3. The third way of looking at life is significance.

TRUTH: David's significance came from making a difference in the world with his one life.

QUESTION: How does someone become a difference-maker?

ANSWER: It's all about using the spiritual gifts and talents God gave us.

II. CONCERNING GIFTS

INSIGHT: Talents set people apart from other people.

INSIGHT: The Bible doesn't speak of talents but gifts of the Holy Spirit.

DEFINITION: A spiritual gift is a supernatural ability to develop a particular capability (Eph. 4:7 NLT; Rom. 12:6 NLT).

TRUTH: Whatever gift you have was hand-picked by God for you.

INSIGHT: God wanted you to have your gift and enhancement of your natural talent to make a difference with your life.

QUESTION: Are you a private Christian or a passionate difference-maker who causes others to realize the void and the potential in their life?

III. A NECESSARY STEP

INSIGHT: A core value of the early church was connection (Acts 2:42).

IV. THE VALUE OF LIFE GROUP

QUESTION: What is the value of Life Group that gave it Bible promotion?

ANSWER: Support (Ecc. 4:9-12 NIV; 1 Thess. 5:11; Heb. 10:24; James 5:16)

INVITATION INSIGHT: We are never more vulnerable to Satan's ruinage, we're never less likely to make an impact on this lost world than when we have no significant, intimate relationships with others who are seeking to run their race for Christ (Prov. 27:17 NIV; Heb. 10:24-25 MSG).