

Get It Together – Pt. 01

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Did you know that your next 5-7 years will *not* be primarily shaped by your bank account, gifts and talents or your title? The most influential rudder for your life – besides the Lord Himself – is the reason why we're so fully committed to Life Groups – your life connections – here at The Embassy Church. You can be part of 5 x 5 Living!

Be blessed!

Pastor Doug Schneider

Show me your five closest friends and I'll show you your future for the next 5-7 years.

Scriptures

1 Corinthians 15:33

New King James Version

³³ Do not be deceived: "Evil company corrupts good habits."

New Living Translation

³³ Don't be fooled by those who say such things, for "bad company corrupts good character."

"Company" – or "communication" – is the word 'homilia'. The homily, message and beliefs, that create our friends.

Main Points:

How Apostle Paul Became Such a Great Leader:

1. Let Him IN – Acts 9:26-28
2. Brought Him ALONG – Acts 9:10-19
3. Let Him OUT – Acts 9:23-25
4. Looked Him UP – Acts 11:25-26
5. Gathered AROUND Him – Acts 14:19-20

The above points literally describe a 'Life Group'!

Digging Deeper:

Revelation

- What's the significance of being of the word *homilia* in 1 Corinthians 15:33?
- Why is isolation never a good thing?

When we are connected with others, we are stronger!

Interpretation

- How does being around the wrong people, corrupt us?
- How did Barnabas respond differently to Paul than the others?
- What impact did Paul's *five friends* have on him?

Application

- Who does your speech attract?
- Who are your five closest friends forming your life?
 - Who's influencing your life?
- What Life Group are you involved in?
- Is now the time for you to begin leading a Life Group?

Some people will go out of their way to hurt you. This is why you need the right circle of friends to gather around you.
