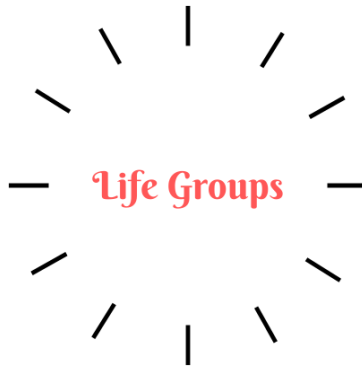


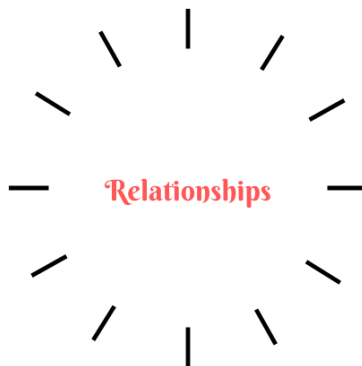
Finding Freedom Through Life Groups

“Finding Freedom” is in the first part of our mission statement
“To restore people by the love of God.”



“**Life**” Group: To return as from **death** / make or become active – *the community comes to life.*

Think Back: What was one of your fondest memories of someone that you connected with in your past?



“We believe life change happens in the context of relationships.”

Think of 5 people that made a dramatic positive impact on your life?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Quote

We are all "people in need of change, helping people in need of change."
Paul Tripp

Quote

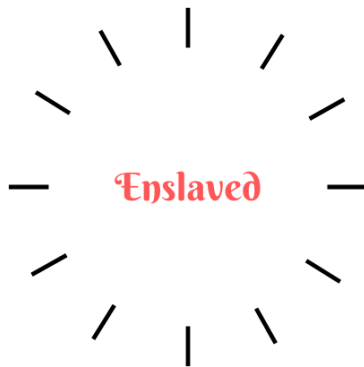
"God never intended us to simply be objects of his love. We are also called to be instruments of that love in the lives of others." -- Paul Tripp

“We believe life change happens in the Context of Relationships”

Memory Verse last week:

“People are enslaved to whatever masters them.”

2 Peter 2:19



Enslaved: Someone that loses their freedom of choice or action: *they were enslaved by their need to* _____.

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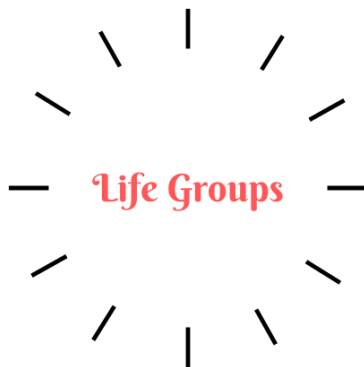
“May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

I Thessalonians 5:23



Sanctify: Set apart or declare holy; free from sin; purify

Why Life Groups?



Because Jesus started the first life group after He was baptized.

Jesus recruited 12 disciples.

12 Disciples

Peter

James

John

Matthew

Thomas

Philip

Simon

Judas

Andrew

Bartholomew

James

Jude

The power these men had truly transformed their community.

Common thread – Young, flawed, imperfect men that Jesus used to change the story of humanity.

They were the foundation stones of His Church.

Jesus Life Group Ministry:

Mark 4: Jesus taught the multitude many things by parables /

Vs 34...and when he was alone with his disciples, he explained everything.

Life groups exist to take you on a Spiritual Journey

Choosing Jesus is the first step, but what's next? Join a Life Group and grow spiritually.

“Without a vision, people perish.”

If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; but when they attend to what he reveals, they are most blessed.

Proverbs 29:18 MSG

In our Life Groups: we find freedom for the prisoners.

John 10:10

When Jesus begin his public ministry, he went to the synagogue and read the words of the prophet Isaiah...

“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, and set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

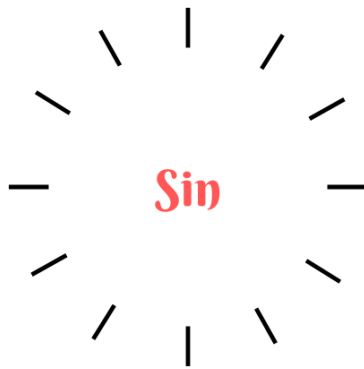
Luke 4:18-19

Jesus delivered people through his earthly ministry.

“How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all that were under the power of the devil for God was with Him...” **Acts 10:38**

There are three areas where we help people find freedom:

1) We help others overcome sins.



2) We help others overcome wounds.

Friend - someone to shape and influence others.



Think of 5 people that made a dramatic negative impact on your life?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

What about you? Who are you influencing?

1. _____

2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Quote

“There isn’t a person you wouldn’t love if you could read their story.”
– Marjorie Hinckley

3) We help others overcome curses.

Curses are Satan's specific plan of attack for your life / **spiritual force at work.**



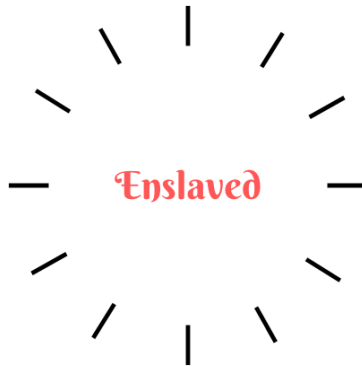
Quote

"There is an unseen half of the universe, a supernatural dimension, that impinges on the seen half." – Francis Shaeffer

D.C SNIPER ATTACKS: Spree killings / 17 deaths / 10 injured
John Allen Muhammad / Lee Boyd / traveled in blue Caprice Sedan

I Peter 5:8 / Satan prowls around like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour

Our Culture’s View on Change / Satan’s Strategy
Self help



Know Me
Find Fame
Discover a Platform
Make a Dollar

God's View for Change

Know God – Will bring you out of your yoke / Salvation
Find Freedom – From Prison
Discover Your Purpose / Find fulfillment
Make a Difference – In your Community

“Find Freedom” — You will never find your fulfillment until you know your calling.

Exodus 6 NIV

We believe life change happens in the context of relationships.

MAIN POINT

So then, in our Life Groups, we help people learn how to overcome their hurts and hang ups. If we're not intentional about growth, we will not find it.

Again, we believe life change happens in the context of relationships. Our Life Groups are our system for doing ministry!