



The Church Jesus is Building

1 Timothy 3:14-15 (NIV)

“...I am writing you these instructions so that... you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God’s household, which is the church of the living God...”

Acts 5:42 (NIV)

“Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house...”

- Temple courts - Large gathering
- House to house - Small group ministry

Genesis 2:18 (NKJV)

“The Lord God said, ‘It is not good that man should be alone...’”

The Church Jesus is Building is Aware of Their Need for Each Other

1. Small groups remind us we are a part of the **Family of God**.

2 Corinthians 6:18 (NIV)

“‘I will be a Father to you, and you will be My sons and daughters,’ says the Lord Almighty.”

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (NLT)

“Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble.”

Romans 12:15 (NIV)

“Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.”

1 Corinthians 12:26 (NLT)

“If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad.”

2. Small groups allow for care to be **given** and to be **received**.

Acts 2:45 (NIV)

“... They shared with anyone who was in need.”

3. Small groups help you become more **mature** in your faith.

1 Peter 2:2 (NASB)

“Like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the Word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation.”

1 Corinthians 3:2-3 (NLT)

“I had to feed you with milk, not with solid food, because you weren’t ready for anything stronger. And you still aren’t ready, for you are still controlled by your sinful nature. You are jealous of one another and quarrel with each other. Doesn’t that prove you are controlled by your sinful nature? Aren’t you living like people of the world?”

4. Small group is a place you find **allies**.

Ephesians 4:29 (NLT)

“... Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.”

Ecclesiastes 4:12 (NLT)

“A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.”