

COMMUNITY MEANS REACHING OUT TOGETHER

... you are standing together side by side with one strong purpose – to tell the Good News.

Philippians 1:27b (LB)

You've been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ.

Philippians 1:5 (NLT)

❖ Question: How do LifeGroups P.A.R.T.N.E.R. to share the Good News with others?

❖ P. RAY TOGETHER

Pray for us that God will give us an opportunity to tell people His message.

Colossians 4:3 (NCV)

➤ Key Truth: Prayer makes me aware of the needs of those I am praying for.

✓ Action Step: Make a group prayer list.

❖ A. PPEAL to COMMON INTERESTS

...whatever a person is like, I try to find common ground with him so that he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him. ²³I do this to get the Gospel to them and also for the blessing I receive when I see them come to Christ.

1 Corinthians 9:22b-23 (LB)

➤ Key Truth: You have to care about someone to share with someone.

✓ Action Step: Discover the common interests in your group.

❖ R. EACH OUT in LOVE

Because we loved you, we were happy to share not only God's Good News with you, but even our own lives. You had become so dear to us!

1 Thessalonians 2:8 (NCV)

➤ Key Truth: God's love is what man is missing in his life.

1. We are sharing the greatest news the world will ever hear.

2. We will share out of gratitude for what God has done for us.

3. We share because God's love is in our hearts.

Whatever we do, it is certainly not for our own profit but because Christ's love controls us now."

2 Corinthians 5:14 (LB)

✓ Action Step: Ask God to give you a deeper love for others.

❖ T. ELL your STORY

You are... God's instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you...

1 Peter 2:9 (MSG)

➤ Key Truth: One thing people cannot argue with... your personal story.

1. What were the circumstances that led you to accept Christ?
2. What is the difference Jesus has made in your life since?

✓ Action Step: Write out your story and share it with your group.
Listen and I will tell you what God has done for me.

Psalms 66:16 (NCV)

❖ N. URTURE FRIENDSHIPS

Be friendly with everyone. Don't be proud and feel that you are smarter than others. Make friends with ordinary people.

Romans 12:16 (CEV)

➤ Key Truth: Friends don't let friends die without Jesus.

✓ Action Step: Bring a friend to your group. Plan a party for Jesus.
In his home Levi (Matthew) gave a big dinner party for Jesus. Many fellow tax collectors and other guests were also there...

Luke 5:29 (CEV)

❖ E. XPECT GOD to ACT

To have faith is to be sure of the things we hope for, to be certain of the things we cannot see.

Hebrews 11:1 (TEV)

➤ Key Truth: You can trust God's promises, purposes, and plan.
"I am the Lord, I do not change."

Malachi 3:6 (NLT)

✓ Action Step: Never give up on anyone.
Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Romans 10:13 (NIV)

❖ R. EPRESENT CHRIST with your LIFE

Whatever you do or say, let it be as a representative of the Lord Jesus.

Colossians 3:17 (NLT)

➤ Key Truth: Your walk must equal your talk as a witness for Christ.
Do all you can to live a peaceful life. Take care of your own business, and do your own work. ¹²If you do, people who are not believers will respect you.

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12a (NCV)

✓ Action Step: Pray: God use me.

You are to take his message everywhere, telling the whole world what you have seen and heard.

Acts 22:15 (NLT)