

GroupLife 25

What About Me?

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You are in a good group! But what about me?

- Groups are good for the people who are in them.
- Groups grow deeper in the Word of God.
- Groups grow closer in fellowship.
- Groups grow stronger in ministry.
- Groups grow to maximum capacity in 18-24 months.

Why your group is not for me

- Groups assume a certain level of understanding
 - Bible usage – a book of books
 - Biblical knowledge – exclusive to maturing believers
 - Lack foundation – spiritual milk
 - Lack Bible skills and stories - meat
 - Lack mentor/model to assist – disciple maker
- Groups are okay if I am there, but also okay if I am not
- Groups have become professional not foundational

Will you start a group for me?

- I have questions
- I am a new believer
- I am new to the community and want to connect
- I am smart and do not like feeling dumb
- I am eager to learn
- Is there a group for me?

A Group with a *HEART for the Word

- Highlight – what stands out in the passage or verse?
- Express – why did you highlight those word(s)
- Ask – what questions do you have about the passage?
- Relate – how might WE relate this passage to life?
- Tell – who needs to hear what you have learned?
 - *HEART is from *Start Small, Do It Right, Build It Strong* by Daniel Edmonds

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