

YOUR LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEM

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Jesus: "Wherever two or three gather together because they are mine, I will be right there among them." Matthew 18:20 (TLB)

Paul: "I am writing these things . . . you will know how to live in the family of God. That family is the church." 1 Timothy 3:15 (NCV)

WHAT DOES A SMALL GROUP DO? ACTS 2:42-47

1. WE

2. WE

"All the believers devoted themselves ... to fellowship." Acts 2:42 (NLT)

"They were like family to each other." Acts 2:42 (CEV)

"They committed themselves to . . . the life together." Acts 2:42 (MSG)

3. WE "Sharing in the fellowship meals." Acts 2:42 (GNT)

"They ate and prayed together." Acts 2:42 (ERV)

4. WE *"They spent their time . . . praying together."* Acts 2:42 (NCV)

5. WE

needed." Acts 2:44 (GNT)

"God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other." 1 Peter 4:10 (TLB)

HOW CAN I GET THE MOST FROM MY GROUP?

"Let us not give up the habit of meeting together . . . Instead, let us encourage one another." Hebrews 10:25 (GNT)

2.

1.

"Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all!" Romans 12:16 (NLT)

"Do not let selfishness or pride be your guide. Instead, be humble and give more honor to others than to yourselves. Do not be interested only in your own life, but be interested in the lives of others." Philippians 2:3-4 (NCV)

3. "Welcome with open arms fellow believers who don't see things the way you do." And don't jump all over them every time they do or say something you don't agree with-even when it seems that they are strong on opinions but weak in the faith department. Remember, they have their own history to deal with. Treat them gently." Romans 14:1 (MSG)

"We must bear the 'burden' of being considerate of the doubts and fears of others." Romans 15:2 (TLB)

4.

"If we live in the light, as God is in the light, we can share fellowship with each other . . . [But] if we say we have no sin, we are fooling ourselves, and the truth is not in us." 1 John 1:7-8 (NCV)

"Admit your faults to one another and pray for each other so that you may be healed." James 5:16 (TLB)

5.

"Help <u>carry each other's burdens</u>. In this way you will follow Christ's teachings." Galatians 6:2 (GW)

"As holy people whom God has chosen and loved, be sympathetic, kind, humble, gentle, and patient." Colossians 3:12 (GW)

"If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it."

1 Corinthians 12:26 (GNT)

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"Let us consider how we may <u>spur one another on</u> toward love and good deeds." Hebrews 10:24 (NIV)

"I want us to help each other with the faith we have. Your faith will help me, and my faith will help you." Romans 1:12 (NCV)