

# Why Have Life Groups?

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Why groups? Because we need to get into each other's lives and hearts. Scripture frequently exhorts how we are to live in relationship to one another. We are to love one another, care for one another, bear one another's burdens, and on and on. We need to embed Jesus into our lives together. We need to prayerfully speak the word of God to one another. Those things take **time, trust and relationship**.

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