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The word "Life" carries a richer, broader meaning than "Care". In the past, 90% of our home groups have been focused on interpersonal caring and connection - sort of a chaplaincy culture.

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This means "life together": sharing our lives (the very life of Jesus) in the rhythms we already have, and carrying that shared life into the spheres of our community where we live and work. We are not just doing events and tasks, such as getting through a Bible study and then going home.

We are centering on the life of Jesus. We want to explore what it means to intertwine our lives around Jesus with one another and to develop a missional way of thinking and living. This can develop fertile ground for transformational ministry like we have not yet imagined.

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