



LIFE Groups Purpose Statement

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I. The Purpose of LIFE Groups:

To love God by loving people more (in-reach) and loving more people (out-reach).

II. The Purpose of LIFE Groups [Expanded]:

The Bible teaches us that the most important thing in life is to love God and to love others (Matt 22:37-39). The Bible also teaches that our love for others is proof of our love for God (1 Jn 4:20-21). LIFE Groups aim to nurture love toward God through the loving of one another, especially as we express this love by being “doers” (1 Jn 3:18) of the “one anothers” found throughout the New Testament (see below). LIFE Groups also provide the context for relationships to be formed with those not yet a part of the CrossLife family, whether unchurched (unbelievers) or dechurched (left the church), as members invite these people into their small group community.

III. Twenty-five (25) “One Anothers” of the New Testament:

- *Be at peace with one another (Mk 9:50)
- *You also ought to wash one another’s feet (Jn 13:14)
- *Outdo one another in showing honor (Rom 12:10)
- *Let us not pass judgment on one another (Rom 14:13)
- *Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you (Rom 15:7)
- *Greet one another (Rom 16:16)
- *Care for one another (1 Cor 12:25)
- *Through love serve one another (Gal 5:13)
- *Bear one another’s burdens (Gal 6:2)
- *Bearing with one another in love (Eph 4:2)
- *Be kind to one another, tenderhearted (Eph 4:32)
- *Forgiving one another (Eph 4:32)
- *Submitting to one another (Eph 5:21)
- *Do not lie to one another (Col 3:9)
- *Teaching and admonishing one another (Col 3:16)
- *Encourage one another (1 Thes 5:11)
- *Build one another up (1 Thes 5:11)
- *Stir up one another to love and good works (Heb 10:24)
- *Do not speak evil against one another (Js 4:11)
- *Do not grumble against one another (Js 5:9)
- *Confess your sins to one another (Js 5:16)
- *Pray for one another (Js 5:16)
- *Love one another earnestly from a pure heart (1 Pet 1:22)
- *Show hospitality to one another without grumbling (1 Pet 4:9)
- *Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another (1 Pet 5:5)