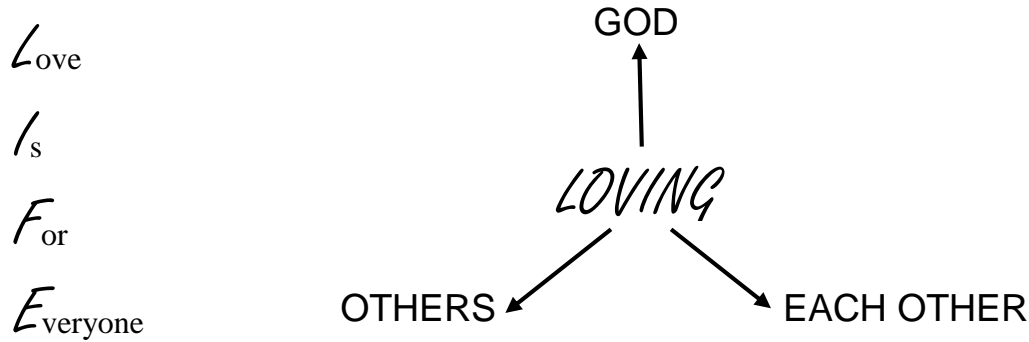


## LIFE Groups

“and live a life of love...” Ephesians 5:2a NIV



**GOD**— Our first and greatest love must be our love for the LORD. Jesus said that the Greatest commandment is to love the LORD God with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength. We deepen our love for the LORD in groups by spending time in His word, worship, prayer, and teaching each other how to obey Christ’s commands. Obedience is a measure of our love for the LORD, while at the same time Christ’s command is to love. (Matthew 22:34-40; John 14:21-24)

**EACH OTHER**— As believers, love for each other should be our distinguishing characteristic (John 13:35). We practice the “one another’s” of scripture in our group by caring for each other, encouraging one another, forgiving one another, and even at times confronting one another in Christian love. Holding each other accountable in our walk and mission with Christ is a healthy demonstration of Christian love for each other. (Romans 12:9-16a; Hebrews 10:23-25)

**OTHERS**— We are called to love the lost and broken world we live in. Christ told us to let our light so shine before people that they may see our good deeds and glorify our Father in Heaven. We love the lost in this broken world by demonstrating the love of Christ in practical ways as He himself did by healing the sick and mending the broken hearted. Three to four LIFE groups will join together to regularly reach out into our community and show the love of Christ through practical service and ministries of compassion. (Matthew 5:14-16; 43-44)