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"We pursue spiritual growth and life change in community"

Experience the benefits of a small group community by mutually bearing each other's burdens

1. You're directed to be a source of **relief** for others

Galatians 6:2

"The legalist is not interested in bearing burdens. Instead, he adds to the burdens of others . . . The legalist is always harder on the other people than he is on himself, but the Spirit-led Christian demands more of himself than he does of others that he might be able to help others."

Warren Wiersbe

Romans 15:1

Colossians 3:13

"Who do you have to call upon when you face the 'group-sized burdens' in your life?"

"Notice the assumption which lies behind this command, namely that we all have burdens and that God does not mean us to carry them alone."

John Stott

The founders of Trinity Church described the manner by which small groups should be understood – the fact that they bear one another's burdens

2. You express <u>love</u> to others by sharing their load

Galatians 6:2

John 13:34

John 15:12

John 15:17

"Jesus commanded us to love others. This was far less complicated than following all the laws in the Old Testament—but it was also far more demanding... We should always ask ourselves, 'What does God's love for me require of me?'"

Andy Stanley

What is burden-bearing for one another? Simply put, how you practically <u>demonstrate</u> that you love your brothers and sisters.

Ephesians 4:2

3. When you're a part of God's <u>family</u>, you're meant to care deeply for your brothers and sisters

2 Corinthians 11:28-29

"Do you want to be on the other side of willfully choosing to <u>disregard</u> a directive from God's Word?"

Now What?

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