

STEP TWO

CONNECT WITH OTHERS



³⁴ But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together.
³⁵ And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” ³⁷ And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.
³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.” **MATTHEW 22:34-40** ESV

TWO THINGS: LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS.

There is a link between our relationship with God and our relationships with others. They do not exist in isolation from one another.

Our relationship with God influences how we think about and how we relate to others. The inverse is also true: our relationships with others influence how we think about and relate to God. Consequently, God cares a lot about your relationships.

Four things to know about group life at Community Life Church:

- 1. All groups are _____ to fulfill our vision of connecting people to God and one another.**

This means our groups will help you grow spiritually and connect to others relationally. The goal of groups is to move from the big to the small, from the corporate to personal, from rows to circles, because circles are better than rows.

2. There is more than _____ of group.

- Community Groups (CGs)
- Journey Groups
- Men’s and Women’s Groups

3. _____ can connect to a group.

Our hope is for every person to be connected to a meaningful community group. With so many groups to choose from, we are confident there is a group that is a great fit for you.

4. Anyone can _____ a Community Group.

Why groups are important:

We were _____ for _____.

We all need the _____ in our lives.

²⁰ Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.

PROVERBS 13:20 ESV

²⁴ Make no friendship with a man given to anger, nor go with a wrathful man, ²⁵ lest you learn his ways and entangle yourself in a snare.

PROVERBS 22:24-25 ESV

³³ Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.”

1 CORINTHIANS 15:33 ESV

We group up to _____ .

We have a _____ to _____ in the spiritual development of others.

²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

HEBREWS 10:24-25 ESV



ANSWER KEY

Step One: Connect with God

- Page 5:** God, one another; God; Others; Calling; World
- Page 6:** personally; rituals, relationship; know God; worship services
- Page 7:** found, find; lost, God
- Page 8:** Celebration; Inspiration; Preparation;
- Page 9:** Salvation; Baptism; obedience; testimony
- Page 10:** responsibility; relationship; Listen; Understand; trustworthy; personal story
- Page 11:** invitation; connecting people, God; Pray; Engage; Invite

Step Two: Connect to Others

- Page 17:** designed
- Page 18:** one type; Everyone; host; created, connection; right influences
- Page 19:** grow up; role; play

Step Three: Connect to Your Calling

- Page 22:** called
- Page 23:** gifts, passions; life experiences; pain; Discover; Dream Team

Step Four: Change the World

- Page 44:** change, world; Church; Serve; do, be; Steward, Giving; you; temporal, eternal; materialism; blessings
- Page 45:** image; the church; our generosity; through; Share; relational