

ALAG Groups inCommon Enjoying Life

Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-37

Introduction

The Father's House is always open!

"Groups InCommon" is not just a novel idea for the modern church – it is an expression of the heartbeat of the church through the ages.

Every Christian is a new creation in Christ (2 Co. 5:17) – and all these new believers create new communities enjoying God, fellowship and influence in the community.

A deep hunger in our world: meaningful relationships

Our Scriptures

Acts 2:42-47: ⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Acts 4: 32-37: ³²All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. ³³With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all ³⁴that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales ³⁵and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

³⁶Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"), ³⁷sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.

Enjoying Life Together

With the Lord: teaching, prayer and communion

With fellow-believers: fellowship and generosity

Influence in the community: miracles and favor as the gospel is lived and shared

The Challenges

Emotional margin and busy schedules

Do we have room for new friends?

The Opportunity

If you have time for one movie a week, you have time for a great group experience!

Groups InCommon provide a natural and safe place for growing our faith and friendships

Groups InCommon offer an easy entrance to our community for seekers

Groups InCommon offer us a way to make lifelong friends and demonstrate the quality of Christian life to a watching world – all while having a blast! Whether our group focuses on deep study, passionate prayer, recreational fun, or sharing food, we experience the joyous life of Jesus Christ together.