

DAY ONE

WE COMMIT TO COMMUNITY WITH JOY

As followers of Jesus we are active in our church, and we commit to a smaller community where we know and are known. We see Jesus model these closer relationships with his twelve disciples. Our goal for small groups is to connect people in genuine relationships with other followers of Christ, leading to spiritual transformation. In small groups we are known, loved, cared for, pursued, encouraged, and challenged to be more like Christ. We spur each other on to live out the 1% Life with healthy inputs that lead to outputs of transformation and maturity.

What does it take for genuine relationships to form with our small group members? Well, just like every other relationship, they take time to grow. As we live the 1% Life, we give at least one percent of our month, about two hours a week to life-on-life community, and those relationships begin to develop.

Today, let's start with the basics: 1) we make our small group a priority. 2) we are active contributors, and 3) we are intentional about getting to know each other.

When I make my small group a priority I take commitments seriously and show up consistently, not just to scheduled meetings, but to real life events as well. As an active contributor I realize that each of us bring talents and gifts to the group that are necessary to our collective health. And when I choose to welcome and get to know others, we start to become an authentic family.

“The person who loves their dream of community will destroy community, but the person who loves those around them will create community.”

– Dietrich Bonhoeffer⁵

REFLECTION

Do I prioritize building relationships with those in my small group community?

How does my ideal community intersect with my love for people?

JOHN 13:34-35

Grab your Bible and open to today's reading. Use the PRAY and HEAR tools as you spend time in the Word.

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Take a moment and use the PRAY tool to respond in prayer.