



Why? Church

Matthew 16:18-19 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Matthew 28:18-20 ...Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Why do we need to join our lives together in small groups?

1. IT IS GOD’S WAY TO MAKE DISCIPLES

Matthew 28:16-20

John 13:34-35 A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

I Corinthians 12:21,25-26 The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I don’t need you!’ And the head cannot say to the feet, ‘I don’t need you!’ ... there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.

I Corinthians 3:16-17 Don’t you realize that all of you together are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives in you? God will destroy anyone who destroys this temple. For God’s temple is holy, and you are that temple.

2. IT IS OUR WAY OF GROWING UP IN AUTHENTIC CHRISTIANITY

I John 2:10 Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling.

I John 3:14 We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death.

Phillipians 2:3-4 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

I John 3:16 By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.