

Benefits of Belonging- Top 5 Reasons to Be in a LIFE Group - Week 2

Benefit #5- Lifelong friends and a community where you are accepted and belong, are valuable benefits of joining a LIFE group. We need friends in our life, and some of our best friendships begin in LIFE groups. *1 Peter 4:8-10; John 17:20-23*

Benefit #4- Inspiration for living life to the fullest is a wonderful benefit of belonging to a LIFE group where people cheer us on and encourage us to live well. We need each other because like-minded people inspire us to greatness. *Hebrews 10:24-25; 1 Thessalonians 2:8; Daniel 3:16-18*

Benefit #3- Comfort and support when facing life's challenges and loss are much needed benefits of belonging to a LIFE group. We realize the importance of being connected when our world is falling apart, and how much we deeply need others when life hurts. *Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; Luke 5:18-20*

Benefit #2- Spiritual growth and accountability through being together in the presence of Jesus is a life-changing benefit of staying committed to a LIFE group. We need each other to speak truth into one another's lives and to be able to be transparent with one another. *Matthew 18:20; Proverbs 27:17; James 5:16; Ephesians 4:14-16*

Benefit #1- Celebration is a wonderful benefit that comes from being in LIFE group with people who help us celebrate the joys and milestones of life. We need each other because life is worth celebrating! *Luke 15:5-6; Luke 15:9; Luke 15:22-24*

Beware of Barriers that can deter us from enjoying the Benefits of Belonging to a LIFE group. 3 Common Barriers are: Fatigue, Fear and Family.

Okay, I'm interested. Where do I go from here? How do I find the best LIFE group for me?

Next week: Financial Freedom Through Faithful Partnership

Life Application Questions:

1. Will you commit to reviewing the LIFE group possibilities available to you, and come back next week ready to commit to a LIFE group?
2. Have you ever been in a small group before? Talk about some of your favorite small group experiences.
3. What is a barrier that most commonly deters you from joining a small group?