



Part 3: The Power of One Chair

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*Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching or proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ.
– Acts 5:42*

The Primary Purposes of a Small Group

1. A place to live out the “one-another” commands (John 13:35)

Love one another (John 13:34)

Be devoted to one another (Romans 12:10)

Live in harmony with one another (Romans 12:16)

Stop passing judgment on one another (Romans 14:13)

Accept one another (Romans 15:7)

Instruct one another (Romans 15:14)

Agree with one another (1 Corinthians 1:10)

Serve one another (Galatians 5:13)

Bear with one another (Ephesians 4:2)

Be kind and compassionate to one another (Ephesians 4:32)

Submit to one another (Ephesians 5:21)

Forgive one another (Colossians 3:13)

Admonish one another (Colossians 3:16)

Encourage one another (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

Spur one another on to good deeds (Hebrews 10:24)

Offer hospitality to one another (1 Peter 4:9)

2. A place to give and receive. (Romans 12:3-8)

3. A place to grow. (Matthew 22:38-39)

4. A place to encounter God (Genesis 1:27)

5. A place to succeed together where one alone would fail (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)

6. Provide a place to belong for someone who is far from God

God's Plan for Reaching People Who are Far from Him

1. God is consumed with seeking

“For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness.
– Ezekiel 34:11-12

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.” – Luke 19:10

2. God includes us in the process through...

Prayer — The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. – 2 Corinthians 4:4

Divine Appointments — “What after all is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord has assigned to each his task.” – 1 Corinthians 3:5

3. God accompanies us in the process

“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 will be with you always, to the very end of the age.” – Matthew 28:19-20

4. God is responsible for the results

Next Steps

- 1) If you're not in a small group but you'd like to try one, go to the Meeting Place *today* when Grant makes the invitation toward the end of the service.
- 2) If there's room in your current small group, invite a few friends or neighbors to join with you and grow in community.

Small Group Questions

- 1) Have you ever lost something valuable? Tell us the story. What lengths did you go to in order to find it?
- 2) Who would you call in a crisis? Why them?
- 3) Review the list of the “one-anothers” from scripture and add any that are missing. Which one is easiest for you? Which one is most difficult?
- 4) How did Jesus “seek and save” you?
- 5) Who does God want you to reach out to and invite to take a space in your group or life? Pray for them right now!
- 6) How can we pray for you right now and throughout the week?