Series: Don't Run Alone Message: Life is a Team Sport

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## **Team Dynamics**

# A team has a leader.

1 John 3:1

# You have <u>responsibilities</u> to the team.

Romans 12:10 - 16

## You need a team because life is tough.

John 16:33, Gal 6:2

## Real Life "To-Do" List...

- 1. Hebrews 10:25 Who am I meeting with?
- 2. Hebrews 3:13 Who am I encouraging?
- 3. James 5:16 Who am I praying for?
- 4. Colossians 3:16 Who am I helping instruct?

## **NEXT STEPS**

Use these study questions to turn a message into a conversation.

We are not meant to run alone. This is not just a statement that we say but it is instruction that God gives us for the best way to live our life. The church is the tool God gives us to help us do life together.

Life groups are simply, little church.

Review the following verses relating to what the church is and our individual responsibility to each other.

Responsibilities of the church:

To love God. (Revelation 2:4)

To display God's grace. (Ephesians 2:7; 3:6,10; 1 Peter 2:9)

To baptize believers. (Matthew 28:19)

To instruct believers. (Matthew 28:19; Phil 4:8-9; 1 Timothy 4:6; 5:17; 2 Timothy 2:2, 24-25)

To provide fellowship for believers. (Acts 2:42, 1 Corinthians 1:9; 2 Corinthians 8:4; 13:14; Galatians 2:9; Philippians 1:5; 2:12)

To provide for believers and others in a time of need. (2 Corinthians 8-9; 1 Timothy 5:1-16; James 1:27)

To do good. (Galatians 6:10)

From The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren.

# Why you need a church family

A church family identifies you as a genuine believer. John 13:35

A church family moves you out of self-centered isolation. 1 Corinthians 12:26; 1 John 3:16

A church family helps you develop spiritual Muscle. Ephesians 4:16

The body of Christ needs you. 1 Corinthians 12:7

You will share in Christ's mission in the world. Ephesians 2:10

A church family will help keep you from backsliding. James 5:16; Hebrews 3:13,13:17

#### THE PURPOSE OF LIFE GROUPS

Life Groups exist to promote spiritual maturity and personal growth through meaningful Christian relationships and the study of God's Word. (Romans 8:29 & Hebrews 10:24-25). Here's how it will happen.

#### SHARE

Each week we'll take time to share what is happening in our lives. At first this sharing will include planned "sharing questions". But after the first few weeks, it will become more informal and personal, as we feel more comfortable.

#### **STUDY**

Each week we'll study a section from God's Word that relates to the previous weekend's sermon or an appropriate personal growth topic. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Christianity in everyday life.

### **SUPPORT**

Each week we'll learn how to take care of one another as Christ commanded (John 15:9-13). This care can take many forms, such as prayer, encouragement, listening, challenging one another and meeting real needs.

#### **SERVE**

Spiritual growth is fostered not only by what we gain through the support and input of others, but also through service to others. The role each of us fills is important to the health of the church and for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the community in which we live (Ephesians 4:11-16).