

## CONNECTED COMMUNITY



## PRECEPT

## EPHESIANS 2

<sup>1</sup>Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins.

<sup>4</sup>But God is so rich in mercy, and He loved us so much, <sup>5</sup>that even though we were dead because of our sins, He gave us life when He raised Christ from the dead. <sup>6</sup>God raised us up and seated us in the heavens with Christ Jesus.

<sup>19</sup>That is why you are no longer foreigners and outsiders but citizens together with God's people and members of God's family.

## PROMISE

Life Groups offer transformation; they feed your soul and help you stay grounded when life gets hard. A Life Group will challenge you to grow spiritually, build godly character, and walk in truth. You're not just attending something, becoming someone God created you to be, through His people. Your Life Group will be there in every season of life; they are part of something eternal—the family of God. You don't just show up, you show and share love. You put love into action. Life Groups teaches us to serve, forgive, carry burdens, and love sacrificially. Colossians 3:16 says, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly... teaching and admonishing one another..." We can join all communities, but none will help us follow Jesus like a Life Group will. None of them will prepare you for eternity, but a Life Group that speaks the word of God in love and brings real wisdom, hope, and change. Community isn't just a supplement to our faith, but a part of our spiritual design. Once you have Jesus in you, you must be part of God's family. You didn't just get saved from sin—you were saved into community. Christianity without connection is a contradiction. Isolation starves our souls. Growth doesn't just happen through sermons or corporate singing. It happens through relationships. Life is better when we grow together in a Life Group. We will grow spiritually together, recognize our identity in Christ, open up, and feel we belong. Life groups walk through life together and serve as one with purpose. Life is too hard to do alone, and too short to waste. You need a Life Group that won't just help you get through life, but one that will help you grow through it.

## PRACTICE

1. **Community.** Are you part of a Life Group? or any community?
2. **Life Group.** How has this group helped you in your growth spiritually? And how can we pray/encourage you regarding this?

## PRAYER

**I. Healing**

- We lift up those in need of God's healing touch. May they have comfort and restoration.

**II. Families**

- Pray for protection from harm and discord and may homes be filled with love and joy.

**III. Strength**

- Pray that He may grant us the strength we need in our everyday lives.

**IV. Giving**

- May we selflessly and sacrificially give to those underprivileged and in need.

**V. Peace**

- May the Lord grant us peace, and guide our steps in the way of peace.

**VI. Joy**

- May God fill our hearts with joy that overflows, even in the midst of challenges.

**VII. Direction**

- Seek the Lord for guidance, and divine wisdom as we set our goals this year.