HOW TO DO WHAT YOU JUST CAN'T DO

"The Life-Changing Power of Community!" Acts 2:42-47 April 2 & 5, 2017: Cam Huxford, Senior Pastor

Revelation 7:9

Shared joy is multiplied joy...and shared sorrow is reduced sorrow. Genesis 2: 18 NIV

The word fellowship comes from a Greek word that refers to deep <u>relationships</u> and sharing life with other people. 1 Peter 2:17 MSG, 1 John 4:21

Five Levels of Commitments:

- 1. The spiritually disconnected: the City.
- 2. The <u>Crowd</u> is made up of people who attend our church...occasionally.
- 3. When people begin to grow spiritually, they become part of the Congregation.
- 4. The Committed are fully devoted Christ followers.
- 5. The <u>Core</u> is where committed Compassion Christians volunteers take on leadership responsibility.

People who are growing are always moving one step closer to the core or helping someone move one step closer to the core.

If you will worship an hour, serve and hour and study an hour <u>every</u> week you will be drawn into life-changing community!

Three steps toward Life Changing Community:

I. If You're New: Choose to <u>Belong</u>. Ephesians 2:19 TLB

The Christian life is not just a matter of believing, but of belonging.

II. If You're Growing: Choose to **Share**.

You can't develop life changing friendships without meeting together and sharing.

Great connections exist because those people have <u>invested</u> in each other and share together.

Compassion Christian is a church of small groups. Revelation 3:20, Genesis 3:10 NIV

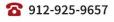
One pastor cannot care <u>for</u> everyone he cares about! Even Jesus couldn't do that. But he can make sure everyone he cares about is cared for...through a LifeGroup!

As churches get larger, it's imperative that they also get smaller!

III. If You're Mature: Choose to Love Like <u>Family</u>.

If you are connected to a life-giving group, thank God! If you're not, pray and take steps to get connected.





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