

The Missing PEACE
Part #2 – Doing Life Together: Barriers, Benefits
and Boundaries
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Last week ...

“*Shalom*” and the people of God

“As people are cut off from others and their souls are starved for connectedness, the need for love turns into an insatiable hunger for something. It can be a **substance, sex, food, shopping, or gambling**, but these never satisfy, because the real need is for connectedness to God and others and to God through others.”
(Cloud and Townsend)

- Jesus and ME – Devotional Model
- Jesus and WE – Celebration Model
- The Jesus’ COMMUNITY – Small Group Model

A. Barriers to Life Together ...

1. **Misreading the Great Commandment**
(Matthew 22:36-39)

→ How do I love my neighbor if I don’t even know them personally?

→ Leaves us stuck in the Jesus and ME Model

2. **Misunderstanding Ministry**

- **Personnel** (Ephesians 4:11-12)
- **Location** (1 Peter 2:5)

→ Leads us out of the Jesus and WE Model

3. **Missing the point – “it’s not just about me”**
(Philippians 2:4)

B. Benefits of doing Life Together ...

1. We’re invited-in through **hospitality**
(Romans 12:13)

*“It’s hard for people to believe we want them in heaven if we don’t want them in our **living room.**”*
(Ralph Neighbor)

2. We’re called-up through **accountability**
(Proverbs 12:15)
3. We’re cared-for in close **proximity**
(John 19:25-27)
4. We’re known-well through **familiarity**
(Acts 2:42 & 1 John 1:5-7)

Q – What can I expect in a group?

Growth
Relationships
Openness
Understanding
Praise
Service

C. Boundaries while doing Life Together ...

1. **Volunteer** vulnerability – NOT compulsory transparency
2. Mutual interaction – NOT **militant** interrogation
3. Short-term **commitment** – NOT long-term covenant
4. Light refreshments – NOT a full-course meal