



## Small Groups

### Acts 2:41-47 (NASB)

<sup>41</sup>So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls. <sup>42</sup>They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup>Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

### 3 Reasons Small Groups Are Vital:

#### 1. They Fulfill Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_

##### John 20:19-22 (NASB)

<sup>19</sup>So when it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side The disciples then rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>So Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you." <sup>22</sup>And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

#### 2. We Bear One Another's \_\_\_\_\_

##### Galatians 6:2 (NASB)

Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.

### 3. They Develop Our \_\_\_\_\_

##### Matthew 5:1-10 (MSG)

<sup>1-2</sup>When Jesus saw his ministry drawing huge crowds, he climbed a hillside. Those who were apprenticed to him, the committed, climbed with him. Arriving at a quiet place, he sat down and taught his climbing companions. This is what he said: <sup>3</sup>"You're blessed when you're at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and his rule. <sup>4</sup>You're blessed when you feel you've lost what is most dear to you. Only then can you be embraced by the One most dear to you. <sup>5</sup>You're blessed when you're content with just who you are—no more, no less. That's the moment you find yourselves proud owners of everything that can't be bought. <sup>6</sup>You're blessed when you've worked up a good appetite for God. He's food and drink in the best meal you'll ever eat. <sup>7</sup>You're blessed when you care. At the moment of being 'care-full,' you find yourselves cared for. <sup>8</sup>You're blessed when you get your inside world—your mind and heart—put right. Then you can see God in the outside world. <sup>9</sup>You're blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That's when you discover who you really are, and your place in God's family. <sup>10</sup>You're blessed when your commitment to God provokes persecution. The persecution drives you even deeper into God's kingdom."

#### NEWCOMERS - Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>; 5:30pm

Join us for a relaxed evening with great appetizers and coffee, plus an opportunity to meet Pastor Jeff and Brandy along with our staff. Newcomers meets at a nearby home, and childcare is provided at the church. Registration details below.

#### FOUNDATIONS 201 - Sundays @ 11:15am, August 30<sup>th</sup>-October 11<sup>th</sup>

If you desire to explore ministry and leadership here at Milestone, this 7-week class will provide you with important foundational values and connect you relationally with the Milestone leadership team. Registration details below.

#### 3 Ways to Sign-up For Milestone Church Events

Online at [MilestoneChurch.com](http://MilestoneChurch.com) | At the INFO CENTER Kiosk  
Fill out a Communication Card

#### SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS WEEK - September 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>; 12:00-12:45pm

Join us as we fast and pray for the One Month To Live Fall Campaign. Each day we will meet in the auditorium to pray for individuals, our church, and our community.

#### PUBLIC SERVANT APPRECIATION LUNCHEON - August 30<sup>th</sup>

If you are a public servant, Milestone Church would like to invite you and your family to the Connect Café following the second service on August 30<sup>th</sup>, for an appreciation lunch.