



CHAPTER 6 – SECTION C

SESSION 22

DOING LIFE TOGETHER

The Purpose Series

One life, one purpose...Your purpose in life is specific and significant, but it will always be part of a bigger plan. This workshop will help you gain knowledge about that bigger plan, help you to understand your part in that plan and enable you to fulfil your purpose. It will provide you with tools, **based on the Word of God**, to not only overcome your current and future challenges but also help you become a solution to those around you.

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CHAPTER 6: DOING LIFE TOGETHER

SECTION C: FAITH COMMUNITIES

PLEASE REMEMBER:

- This course is all about activation. It must move every person to action. The function of this course is to help people live and fulfill their purpose.
- This course is here to help people in many different ways. The tools they will be provided with, will be explained throughout the content.
- This course is strategic. Whether we call it *equipping of the Saints*, or *discipleship*, one of the flaws of many processes is that it makes people dependent on the person helping them.
- The focus of this course is to make people independent yet interconnected. This is critical to understand!

TOPICS AND QUESTIONS COVERED IN THIS SECTION:

- What is required for it to work?
- Be God's instrument
- Accountability groups
- Two or three gathered in My name
- YouTube Video – **Chapter 6, section C** (duration 30 minutes)
<https://youtu.be/8lwoTyVYc8E>

1. WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR IT TO WORK?

Key points:

1. Faith Communities are people doing life together.
2. Faith Communities are not about a prescribed structure or brand, it is about people being activated and living love.
3. Religion is not the solution, living love practically is the solution.

Practical requirements:

- a) Small groups coming together (about 10-12 people)
- b) Eating together
- c) Interaction to get to know one another
- d) It should be your church
- e) Becomes a lifestyle

Spiritual requirements:

- a) Every part does its share
- b) Building relationships
- c) Authenticity
- d) Transparency (they share things with one another, which means it comes into the light and Holy Spirit can deal with it).
- e) A healthy family unit is a building block in the Body of Christ.
- f) Father and mother should come into their positions.
- g) Fathers need to take up the position of playing the spiritual leadership role in their homes as well as being the spiritual leaders in the community.

2. BE GOD'S INSTRUMENT

Key Points:

1. Love is the most powerful source we have access to.
2. The Word says that love is the bond of perfection. (Col 3:14)
3. God is the One that will be doing the work – he just needs your heart and obedience.
4. We do not need 7 years of theological study to be able to minister to someone else. That does not acknowledge the power and ability of the Holy Spirit; it may even limit the power of the Holy Spirit.
5. If we think we need to school ourselves with intellectual knowledge to become the solution to someone else, we have missed the whole point.
6. We need to be the channel through which God can impact the lives of others.

3. ACCOUNTABILITY GROUPS

Key points:

Purpose & Outcome of accountability groups:

1. We need people around us to keep our arms up when we want to fall.
2. When you share something, you bring it in the light and satan can have no power over it anymore. Holy Spirit can deal with it now.
3. Isolation is very dangerous we are not meant to function in isolation.

To practically create an accountability group

1. You decide what you want to stop/achieve.
2. You create an accountability group with 2 or 3 people that you have a relationship with.
3. You share on the group what you want to achieve, and they will be your support system in the sense of checking in, encouraging you etc.
4. Make sure your accountability group does not fall to the wayside, ensure you check in weekly and give feedback where you stand.

4. TWO OR THREE GATHERED IN MY NAME

Key points:

1. There is a difference between your personal experience in the presence of God and when two or three come together.
2. You cannot manifest love when you are on your own.
3. Through caring for one another, we attract the presence of the Holy Spirit.

CONCLUSION

As far as faith communities are concerned; I am not advocating that you leave your current church. I am not saying your current church is of no use. Maybe you are in a great environment where people are doing God's work, building relationships and the gifts of the Spirit are at work.

Whatever you do, it should be actioned based on a conviction by the Spirit. If you have a desire, or do not have a place you call your church at the moment, I plead with you to act on that desire. Gather a few people together, start interacting and allowing the Spirit to manifest and physically taking care of each other.

In the small groups you start learning about people. You start knowing them personally. We realised in these small groups that people are even surprised about who in the group finds their kitchen cupboards bare, and without food to eat. People start knowing about one another's challenges and start helping each other, financially and physically, but first and foremost help each other spiritually, raise each other up to function from a place where a person is able to help himself. The implications on people's lives are very practical.

I know I am doing what God sent me to do and I am conscious of the benefits of obedience, but the results are way beyond what I ever expected. Not in my wildest dreams could I have imagined something as simple as 10 or so people getting together and eating together at someone's home could change lives in this way.

So, what is next? We get all 4 million people in Cape Town born again; we have got no issue. They go to people's houses, with no infrastructure needed and no overheads to pay. They simply go from house to house, taking care of one another and practicing love. This is what the Acts church is all about. Practically, activating every single person and taking care of each person, and responding at the level where people may find themselves at that particular time.

Scriptures

Colossians 3:14 (NKJV)

But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

Matthew 18:20 (NKJV)

For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

James 5:16 (NKJV)

Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

Matthew 9:36 (NKJV)

But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

Matthew 20:34 (NKJV)

So, Jesus had compassion and touched their eyes. And immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him.

Luke 7:13-15 (NKJV)

¹³ *When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep."* ¹⁴ *Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise."*

¹⁵ *So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother.*

Mark 5:19 (NKJV)

However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you."

Acts 2:46-47 (NKJV)

⁴⁶ *So, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.*

Ephesians 4:16 (NKJV)

from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.