



## Living Life InCommon

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*"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup>Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup> They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup>Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." Acts 2:42-47*

### **The purpose of Groups InCommon is to:**

1. Offer a natural way for people to grow into a vital relationship with Jesus.
2. Offer a natural way for people to enjoy each other.

### **What is the "Free Market" philosophy?**

- Gives people a systematic way of bringing others into relationship with Jesus in their daily lives.
- Trust people to choose what activities they will use for ministry.
- Creates an environment where people can minister in areas that they are gifted in.
- Creates an environment where people can minister in areas that they enjoy.
- Create a natural ending time to avoid the difficulty of having to quit a ministry.

### **What does the Bible say about a "Free Market" ministry?**

#### **1. Your "ministry" isn't confined to a single program.**

*"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for in the grave, where you are going, there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom." Ecc. 9:10*

*"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Col. 3:17*

#### **2. Your "ministry" isn't confined to a single location.**

*"Whatever town or village you enter...." Matt. 10:11 (Mk. 6:7; Lk. 9:4)*

*"Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it." Mark 16:20 (Acts 17:30-31, 21:27-28; 1 Cor. 1:4, 2:14; 1 Thess. 1:8; 1 Tim 2:8)*

#### **3. How do I find my "ministry" fit?**

- What do I like to do?
- What am I gifted at?
- What is God doing around me?
- What is God saying to me?
- Does what I hear in my heart and the written Word line up?

*"As long as it is day, we must do the work of Him who sent me. Night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." John 9:4-5*