

**40 Days of Purpose**  
**Life with Others Part 1**  
John 1:10-13

Purpose #1- To love God back. We call that Worship. (A Life with God.)

1. We are all created to be in family relationships.
2. Our second purpose in life is to connect to God's family. We call that a Real Life with Others.
  - a. Jesus came to give us an opportunity to be a part of His family. (John 1:10-13, Matt. 12:48-49)
  - b. We connect to Jesus and the family of God through Baptism. (Gal. 3:26-29, I Cor. 12:13, Rom 6:3-4)
  - c. As we connect to God's family we all have a part to play. (I Tim. 3:14-15, I Cor. 12:27, Rom. 12:5)
3. To belong to God's Family (the church) is to be in environments where we learn to share our lives with one another, with Jesus at the center. (We call those Life Groups).
  - a. Jesus shows us how to love one another. (John 13:34-35)
    - We love when we commit to one another. (Acts 2:42)
    - We love when we give our time. (Acts 2:44,46; Heb. 10:24-25)
    - We love when we sacrifice for one another. (Acts 2:45, I John 3:17-19)
  - b. Reminder: We love one another because Jesus first loved us. (I John 3:16, I John 4:19-21)

**What step do you need to take today to become more a part of God's Family?**

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Life Group Questions- Week of August 15, 2010

1. What was something from this weekend's message that you found to be helpful, eye opening, or troubling? Explain
2. How is "being committed to each other as we are to Jesus Christ" different from the way most people understand relationships?
3. Ecclesiastes 4:10 tells us that "*If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But people who are alone when they fall are in real trouble*". Briefly describe a time when other believers came to your assistance (or you came to their assistance) – encouraging, meeting a need, etc.
4. 1 Timothy 3:14-15 tells us that the church is a family and Acts 2:42-47 gives examples of what the best kinds of church families look like–
  - a. What can stop these kinds of family relationships – in your life, *and* in your Life Group, *and* in our church?
  - b. What can encourage these kinds of family relationships – in your life, *and* in your Life Group, *and* in our church?
5. What are the barriers that keep us from loving and caring for other believers?
6. Dan talked about different ways to love one another." Which one is easiest and which one is hardest?
7. Jesus said that loving God with all we are and loving others as we love ourselves is the key to living a fulfilled life (Mark 12:28-31):
  - a. Are relationships really your highest value, your first priority?
  - b. What can you do this week to connect with another believer at a more genuine, heart-to-heart level – treating that person like a member of your own family?
8. This week I will make Every Effort to be an active member the Body of Christ, by seeking opportunities to bless \_\_\_\_\_ another believer through blessings that I have received.
9. Is there something else God has laid on your heart this week to become a better disciple? This doesn't necessarily have to be related to this week's study.