

# Preparing For Life's Healing Choices Series

## Why Get Involved With Small Groups?

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"They committed themselves to the teaching of the apostles, the life together, the common meal, and the prayers." *Acts 2:42 MSG*

Lives are formed and transformed in small groups \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ to pray, to study, to engage in  
fellowship, or to work on a specific task

### Jesus Was the \_\_\_\_\_

1. He established what \_\_\_\_\_: Jesus taught to declare and emphasize what we know to be truth.

"I am the **way**, the **truth**, and the **life**. No one comes to the Father except through Me." *John 14:6 HCSB*

"If you stick with this, living out what I tell you... you will experience for yourselves the truth, and the truth will free you." *John 8:31-32 MSG*

2. He sought to develop \_\_\_\_\_:  
he used open-ended questions in order to encourage people to move through the process of forming personal beliefs

"Simon, **what do you think?**" *Matthew 17:25 MSG*

3. His \_\_\_\_\_ rather than curriculum-centered: He dealt with life's problems straight on... He taught in such a way to weave the truth with real life issues

"A farmer went out to sow his seed. Some of it fell on the road; it was tramped down and the birds ate it." *Luke 8:5 MSG*

4. His focus was \_\_\_\_\_

"The Son of Man ... **came to serve**, not to be served—and then to **give away his life** in exchange for many who are held hostage." *Mark 10:45 MSG*

"For the Son of Man came **to find and restore** the lost." *Luke 19:10 MSG*

5. He taught in such a way as to lead his group members to \_\_\_\_\_

"He pressed them, "And how about you? **Who do you say I am?**" Simon Peter said, "You're the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of the living God." *Matthew 16:15-16 MSG*

### Small Groups ...

1. Provide A Place \_\_\_\_\_

2. Provide A Place \_\_\_\_\_

3. Provide A Place \_\_\_\_\_

4. Provide A Safe Place \_\_\_\_\_

5. Provide A Place \_\_\_\_\_

6. Provide A Place \_\_\_\_\_

7. Help You Feel \_\_\_\_\_