



## Application Ideas

1. If you haven't already, join a small group! There is still room for you to join a group on Wednesday nights. Call Brad Zinken if you are interested in being part of a Sunday morning small group (763-755-7197).
2. Send a note of appreciation to someone this week—even if it is for the smallest thing.
3. Call someone you haven't connected with in a while.
4. Spend time in prayer at the end of the day asking God to help you evaluate how well you intentionally expressed love to others today (even in the smallest ways).

## Daily Reading Plan

Monday – Ephesians 2: 13-22  
Tuesday – 1 John 4: 7-12  
Wednesday – 1 Corinthians 12: 12-20  
Thursday – 1 Corinthians 12: 21- 31  
Friday – 1 Corinthians 13

Also during this week: Chapters 11, 12, 13, 14 from “*Purpose-Driven Life*” by Rick Warren

Memory Verse for Week: 1 John 4: 11-12

*“Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.”*

## Additional Resources

1. Life Together: A discussion of Christian fellowship, Dietrich Bonhoeffer. *This classic book on Christian community comes highly recommended from Pastor Dave, Pastor Sean, and Annette Beseman. Pastor Sean has a copy to lend out.*
2. Everybody's Normal Till You Get to Know Them, John Ortberg. *With humor, insight, and a gift for storytelling, Ortberg shows how community pays tremendous dividends in happiness, health, support and growth. It's where all of us weird, unwieldy people encounter God's love in tangible ways and discover the transforming power of being loved, accepted, and valued just the way we are.*
3. Community 101: Reclaiming the local church as community oneness, Gilbert Bielezikian. *Dr. Bielezikian lays a biblical foundation for this call to community by showing the centrality of community in the sweep of salvation history—its loss in the Fall, its reclamation through Christ, and its ultimate realization in eternity.*
4. Walking the Small Group Tightrope: meeting the challenges every group faces, Bill Donahue and Russ Robinson

These and other resources are available at Northwestern Bookstores (www.nwbooks.com) or through Christian Book Distributors (www.christianbook.com)

Contact Annette Beseman (ext. 206; a.beseman@redeemerfridley.org) to review Redeemer's library of small group curriculum.



# Doing Life Together

Dave Glesne ..... *Groups – You've Got To Get Connected*  
February 1, 2004 Ephesians 2:13-22

## What is it life to be spiritually connected?

Four metaphors for being part of a church

### 1. It's like being a \_\_\_\_\_

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- In a BUILDING, the connected parts

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*“You believers are like a building that God owns. Jesus is the most important stone in the building and the whole building is joined together in Christ. You are being built into a place where God lives through the Spirit.”*  
Eph. 2:20 & 22

*“We who believe are carefully joined together becoming a holy temple for the Lord.”* Eph. 2:21

### 2. It's like being a \_\_\_\_\_

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- In a BODY, the connected parts

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*Just as there are many parts to our bodies, so it is with Christ's body. We are all parts of it and it takes every one of us to make it complete for we all have a different work to do. So we belong to each other.”* Rom. 12:4-5

*“We are joined together in His body by His strong sinews, and we grow as we get out nourishment and strength from God.”* Col. 2:19