

Find Freedom
Small Groups: The Why

James 5:16a

Introduction - Small Groups have one simple purpose: To bring people together so we can experience the **FULL** life God intends for us.

- Genesis 1:31a; 2:18; 1:28a

I. Small Groups provide three things:

1. A place to **CONNECT** with others - 1 Corinthians 9:22 TLB
 - Not made to do life alone
 - Created for community; connect, share life and grow in faith
2. A place to **PROTECT** each other - 1 John 3:16 NLT
 - We need support and encouragement
 - Walking with others
3. A place to **GROW** together - Proverbs 27:17
 - We are created with God-given potential to make a difference in the world
 - Small Group relationships help us grow with others to become more like Jesus

II. The **FOUNDATION** for Small Groups

- Small Groups helped lay the foundation for tremendous growth in Jerusalem - Acts 5:42; 20:20
- Our groups are free market - What you are already doing
- Three semesters every year
- Everyone can **JOIN** a Group

- Anyone can **HOST** a Group

Conclusion - May we place ourselves in a group in order to **GROW** together.