

Working Together

We are meant to live life together. A single tree cannot stand very easily. But many trees together become a forest. A forest is strong. It covers more ground and cannot easily be cut down.

This is a picture of how God works.

God's aim is to restore all things. Where sin has damaged our lives and our world, He wants to bring healing and make things whole again. He does not do this through individuals working alone, but through people working with Him—and with each other.

This includes your village. God wants to restore your village. To make it whole. To make it good. This is what the Gospel does—it brings life where things are broken.

In Ephesians 2:21–22, we are told that God's people are being built together into a place where He lives by His Spirit. This is not about one person, but about people joined together.

And this is where it becomes practical.

We begin by gathering people together. We learn together. We pray together. And we make space for everyone—the hungry, the grieving, the overlooked. As we do, we begin to care for one another and meet real needs.

Something changes. Instead of division, there is unity. Instead of isolation, there is community. Instead of people working alone, we begin to stand together.

This is how transformation begins in a village.

As we follow Jesus together, each person becomes like a strong tree. And over time, what was once scattered becomes a forest—people rooted in God, living differently, and showing His goodness to others.

This is how God restores a place.

To do this well, we need to learn how to work together.

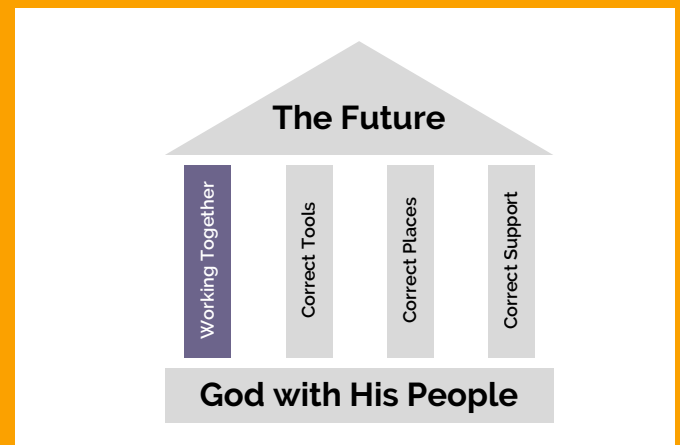
Put it into Action:

We need to begin working together in our village, not alone. We can do this with our Life Group.

- Start by gathering a small group of people. Meet regularly to pray, learn, and support one another. Make sure this group welcomes those who are struggling, who feel left out, and who are searching.
- As a group, live out the love of Jesus together. Share the message of Jesus with others, and also look for practical ways to help people in your village. This might be through giving, supporting someone in need, or simply being present with people.

Pray that:

- 1) Unity will grow between people as you work together.
- 2) People will come to know Jesus.



Life Groups are helping people connect and support one another, building real trust. Denominational differences that once kept people apart are fading. Instead of dividing, people are focusing on the Gospel, seeing each other as family, and love for one another is growing. People are even inviting those who don't attend church to join them. Where there was once misunderstanding between churches, Life Groups have given people a safe space to share how they've felt, and many have now committed to working together.

- Laston, Zambia

Maybe you're asking:

Can we really work with them?

Conflict may need to be resolved, forgiveness practised, and boundaries put in place. God can help and heal relationships.

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