

In the Right Places

If we want to make a difference in our village, it matters where we go.

We need to be in the right places—and with the right people.

There are places that are strong and already stand for God. These might be certain groups, certain people, or places where we feel comfortable. It is easy to stay there.

But we are not called to stay comfortable. We are called to go to the places that have very little opportunity, resource, or access to the gospel — and to the people in those places who do not yet know Jesus.

In Romans 15:20–21, Paul says that his ambition was to preach the gospel where Christ was not known. He did not want to build on someone else's foundation. He went to those who had not yet heard. We are called to do the same.

So when we think about starting a Life Group, we need to think carefully about where it meets and who it is for. The place matters because of the people in it.

A Life Group is not just for us. It is not just to help us grow. It is for those who do not yet know Jesus. This means we need to go to them.

There are people in your village who are overlooked, struggling, or far from God. These are the people we are called to be with.

These are the places where God's grace is needed most. It may feel uncomfortable. It may feel difficult. But this is where change happens.

As we go to these people, we share the message of Jesus and we help them in practical ways. We stand with them, we care for them, and we show them what God is like.

This is how lives change.

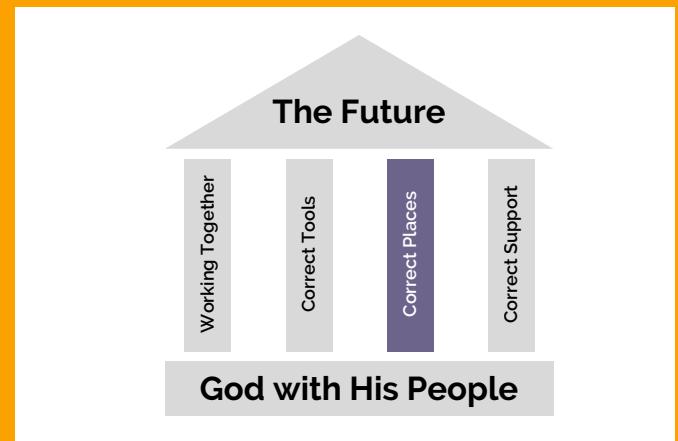
Put it into Action:

Think about your village.

- Who are the people who do not know Jesus? Where are they?
- With your Life Group, choose to go to those people. Spend time with them. Build real relationships. Share the message of Jesus, and look for practical ways to help and support them.
- Go to where they are - do not stay only in the places that feel comfortable - and begin.

Pray that:

- 1) God will speak to people before you visit them.
- 2) God will give you the right words and actions to unlock people's hearts and meet them where they are at.



Mercy lives in a community where most people follow traditional worship. After becoming ill, she lost her job and was abandoned by her husband, left to care for two children with no income. A friend invited her to join a Life Group, where she's received prayer, practical support and encouragement. She's since led Life Group sessions herself, and is investing in a friendship with a lady in her home community to help her come to know Jesus. Mercy says, "After gaining the strength, I now have a reason to share with others about Christ."

- Mercy, Uganda

Maybe you're asking:

What if people don't want to hear from me?

Read Luke 10:1-24. Jesus sends his disciples out, acknowledging that people will react differently, but he still tells them to go!

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