



## SMALL GROUP STUDY

1. When have you experienced spiritual growth in your life? Did a smaller group play a role in that? Share stories of how God grew you (what happened, what He taught you through His Word, the on-going results).

2. Why are you a part of this small group? What benefits have you experienced? Take time to encourage one another and pray for one another right now.

3. We discussed the benefits of small groups this past week. Take time to discuss each further below:

### Benefit 1 - Healthy Friendships

Read Proverbs 13:20; Colossians 3:12-14

How have you experienced this benefit in a small group? How can this be cultivated in this small group?

### Benefit 2 - Spiritual Growth

Read Proverbs 27:17; Hebrews 10:24-25

How have you experienced this benefit in a small group? How can this be cultivated in this small group?

### Benefit 3 - Ministry Opportunities

Read Ephesians 4:11-15

How have you experienced this benefit in a small group? How can this be cultivated in this small group?

### Benefit 4 - Live & Share the Gospel

Read John 3:16; Romans 3:23, 6:23; 1 Peter 2:24; John 1:12

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# I WILL!

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OUTWARDLY FOCUSED CHRIST FOLLOWER

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### ACCESS TODAY'S MESSAGE

Our website is designed to be a helpful tool for all things Northampton. At [www.NBChurchCF.org](http://www.NBChurchCF.org) you'll find: our church calendar, key events, email and text alert sign-ups as well as access to this week's message and past messages - all from your computer, tablet or smartphone!

### INFORMATION FOR OUR GUESTS

#### Next Steps

A great next step from the Worship Service on Sunday mornings is to connect with an ABF or Elective class that meet at 9:30am on Sundays. We also have small groups and other Bible Studies at various times during the week.

#### Children's & Youth Ministry

We have a safe place for your children and teens! There are several environments throughout the week for preschoolers, children, middle & high school students to take part in, connect with friends and grow in their relationship with Jesus.

Complete info can be found at: [www.NBChurchCF.org](http://www.NBChurchCF.org)

### FOR FURTHER STUDY

Whether you're in a small group now or not, use this study guide to help you as you listen to the message and during the week as you dig deeper into God's Word through the "Small Group Study" section. All of this is designed to help you along the path of discipleship to **Believe > Belong > Become** like Jesus!



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# MESSAGE NOTES

I Will Grow Together with Others

Pastor Joe Pryor

**“And day by day, attending the temple together  
and breaking bread in their homes...”**

Acts 2:46a

A study of churches has shown...

**More than \_\_\_\_% of those who joined and were involved in a small  
group were still active in the churches 5 years later, compared to only  
\_\_\_\_% percent of those who attended worship services only.**

## *Four Benefits of a Small Group...*

### **Benefit 1 - \_\_\_\_\_**

“Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.” **Proverbs 13:20**

“[12] Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, [13] bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. [14] And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.” **Colossians 3:12-14**

### **Benefit 2 - \_\_\_\_\_**

“Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.” **Proverbs 27:17**

“[24] And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, [25] not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

**Hebrews 10:24-25**

### **Benefit 3 - \_\_\_\_\_**

“[11] And he (Jesus) gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, [12] to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, [13] until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, [14] so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. [15] Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,” **Ephesians 4:11-15**

### **Benefit 4 - \_\_\_\_\_**

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” **John 3:16**