



Community: Starting Well

Leader's Guide



Welcome

You cannot grow spiritually unless you're connected relationally. Why is community so important to your spiritual life? God designed us that way. He wants to use other people to grow us and he wants to use us to grow other people.

In this eight-session video-based study, you'll explore how building deep relationships with the people in your small group and serving in the larger community around you will grow your faith. You'll learn why your unique story matters...to God and to the people you do life with.

Series Overview

Week 1: Part One—Show Up

Andy Stanley unpacks the main idea for this series: you can't grow spiritually unless you are connected relationally.

Week 2: Part Two—Pursue God

This session focuses on your relationship with God. You will also learn about the importance of time, transparency, and trust when developing any relationship.

Week 3: Part Three—Join In

This week focuses on our horizontal relationships with others. One of the most effective ways to develop good relationships is through sharing stories.

Week 4: Part Four-Six—Be Real

Deep relationships and healthy community require authenticity.

Week 5: Part Seven—Be the Church

This week you will look into the first church and their interactions with each other. We can learn so much about being a light in a dark world from their example.

Week 6: Part Eight—Be Together

Staying in close community together is vital to developing as a follower of Jesus. You will learn the difference between knowledge about God and true discipleship.





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Discipleship Insights

- Northpoint designed this study for brand new groups as they launch for the first time. If you are an established group, you might need to think of some creative ways to apply the lessons learned in the video.
- As the leader, you know your group best. If you feel like you might need a fresh start with your group this study is the perfect option for you! Look for ways to challenge and engage your group members. Keep them accountable to the weekly challenges by calling, texting, or emailing them throughout the week.
- Before you launch into this study, develop some simple goals you would like to achieve. Write those goals down and pray that God would bless your group by accomplishing the goals.
- Be patient as members begin to adjust to this style of Life Group ministry. Some of the subjects discussed are going to take time to plant and grow in the lives of your people. Don't worry if someone misses a week. Try to make time later on to meet with them one-on-one and discuss the topic they missed.
- Challenge your group members to journal as they participate in this study.

