

Title: The Legacy of Life Groups, Pastor Steve Grieme

Big Idea: Life Groups help equip God's people live out a healthy ecclesiology.

I. Shift 1: Life Groups Shift us from Volunteers to Missionaries

- Ephesians 2
- We are all saved for good works which God prepared for us before the foundation of the world
- We believe in the priesthood of the believer not the priesthood of the pastor.

II. Shift 2: Life Groups Shift us to Being Motivated by Love

- Ephesians 3
- Paul's prayer for the church that together we would be rooted and grounded in love
- The purpose of intimacy is so that Christ's authority in our lives grows

III. Shift 3: Life Groups Shift us from Control to Empowerment

- Ephesians 4
- Leaders are to equip the saints for the work of ministry so that the church experiences the fullness of Christ
- A healthy church does not think come, see, stay, but be, do, go.

IV. Shift 4: Life Groups Shift us from Programs to Mission Fields

- Ephesians 5
- The world is unimpressed by sour people complaining about sin – what makes a difference is when God's people live out God's plan in the different mission fields of life.
- Longevity thinks about how long can I keep things the same – Legacy thinks how can I empower someone else