



COMMUNITY LIFE

A church gathered and scattered

SHAPED BY OUR CORE VALUES, Community Life is an intentional movement to continue gathering for the weekend experience and then moving (scattering) outside our church walls into smaller group environments for true community as modeled in Scripture. Acts 2:42-47 (the DNA of the early church community), Colossians 3:12-17 (how to live in community) and Matthew 22:37-39 (the greatest commandments) are important biblical foundations we are building on to shape the E91 culture.

The concept of Community Life is about putting into action our God-given mission of loving God and loving people. This mission is counter-cultural in our world, which teaches us to love ourselves. Community Life is a call for us to step into the world around us

and live out the mission; to become a congregation:

- That embodies the best ideas of the Restoration Movement, focused on unity in the essentials, freedom in opinion, and real deep abiding love in

all things; focused on the Kingdom of Christ rather than the kingdom of E91.

- That unleashes the latent potential of thousands of believers who no longer sit stagnant but understand their God-given purpose and abilities.
- That no longer just goes to church but is the church in our community for the glory of God.
- Where Colossians 3:12-17 comes to life and community becomes as natural as isolation is today.

Gathering corporately is one of the main expressions of Community Life. In these large group settings, we come together as the body of E91 to worship God. Praising, growing, learning, praying and serving together in these worship settings creates strong unity and inspiration and becomes a catalyst to continue moving us outside our walls. Large gatherings are also used to equip and train leaders who are sent out to serve, lead LifeGroups, and reproduce themselves in the lives of others. These gatherings are entry points for people to realize their

need and desire to move deeper into biblical community. It's where we are challenged to be the church by loving God and loving people with our everyday lives (Romans 12).

Community Life expresses itself fully through scattered communities around Indianapolis called LifeGroups. These groups function as spiritual families growing spiritually, emotionally and relationally together. These groups will be guided in their structure and function by our core values of learn, love, and live. Our prayer is that this movement of LifeGroups would change the course of human history starting right here in our own city. With that in mind, our LifeGroup communities will be compelled with the fundamental value of reproducibility in all levels of growth; members, leaders and groups. ●