

# WE FORM CIRCLES

## THIS IS WHO WE ARE – VISION SERIES – 2017 – PART 1

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### START TALKING. WITH AN ICEBREAKER QUESTION:

- You can find some on page 6 [here](#).
- What is something that you love that is in circle form? (i.e. doughnuts, football huddles, rings)

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### START THINKING. ASK THE QUESTIONS THAT WILL GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

- Why do you think belonging is a need in nearly every human?
- What can people do in a circle that is harder in a row?
- How do we, as a culture, show compassion? Why is it easier to show compassion to those who are in a crisis, as opposed to showing compassion to those who are lonely?

**Mark 6:34-38 (NIV)**

*When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things. By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late. Send the people away so they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat."*

*But he answered, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "That would take eight months of a man's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?"*

*"How many loaves do you have?" he asked. "Go and see." When they found out, they said, "Five--and two fish."*

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### START SHARING. CHOOSE THE QUESTIONS THAT WILL CREATE OPENNESS.

- Describe your circle of friends in either junior high or high school?
- Who invited you into a "circle" of people, and opened social doors for you? How did it benefit your life?
- Looking back, how has being a part of a LifeGroup mattered in your life?
- What does it tell you about Jesus that, "he had compassion on them?"
- Jesus saw vulnerable people as, "sheep without a shepherd." How do you see people?
- Where do you think you would fall short as a LifeGroup Leader?
- What do you want people to line up and thank you for at the end of your life? How is your answer influenced by your relationship with Christ?

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### START PRAYING. BE BOLD, AND PRAY WITH POWER.

- Jesus, speak clearly to my heart if you want me to pursue leading a LifeGroup. Amen.

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### START DOING. COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.

- This week when you see someone "outside of the circle of conversation," invite them in.