

Over the past several years we determined, as a church, that we wanted to see an increase in discipleship in our church body. Now, we recognized that discipleship takes on many different forms, but we're convinced that discipleship happens best in authentic community. This can be found in homes around dinner tables, in small groups or Sunday school classes, or even at coffee shops and restaurants across our city. The primary means of discipleship at Evangel Temple is through LifeGroups - these are smaller groups of people that meet in restaurants and homes around our city or on the church campus on Wednesdays and Sundays and a big part of our focus has been to connect the unconnected in our church body to all of our different groups.

I am pleased to report that in 2016 we experienced another year of increase in group participation. This represents another year of people finding life-giving relationship with Jesus and with others, growing in their relationship with the Lord and continuing to serve him in greater ways. It is my hope that in 2017, more people find Jesus and are invited into group life. In 2017 our focus will move to the reproducing of groups and leaders to continue to make room for the people that the Lord is sending to Evangel Temple weekly.

Pastor Mike