

# Life Together

The Cry – The Call – The Challenge of this generation is for *life together!* This *life* is what Jesus spoke about and lived out in the gospel accounts. It's a life of the heart. A heart with the passion to love God; a heart with the mission to love others. In various teachings I've referred to this kingdom life as a party (enjoying God with authentic faith) and a playground (glorifying God with genuine love). This *Life* that Jesus exemplified is to be lived out *together*. Jesus' crucifixion, resurrection and ascension set the stage for the gift of the Holy Spirit. From Acts through the rest of the New Testament and church history to the present, Jesus is building *HIS CHURCH*. We are now to be seeking and serving God *together*.

## Havens for Hearts

The Newtown Reformed Church is a biblically based (theologically orientated) historically rooted (traditionally informed) and culturally relevant (contemporarily applicable) community. We are a growing network of one-anothering friends with shepherding-servant mentors who are devoted to a *life together* of loving God and others with all our hearts.

### ❖ We are a haven of friends and mentors (LIFE)

- Healthy Relationship is vital for being church in our communities –
  - Being church – devoted to one – another not merely committed to activities
  - In the community – involved with people not merely inviting to events
- Godly Leadership is critical for building community in our churches –
  - Models (examples) – overseeing our own lives
  - Mentors (equippers) – shepherding the flock

### ❖ We are all about hearts of faith and love (TOGETHER)

- Loving Hearts – Embracing the mission of our *life together*
  - United in love
  - Blooming and blessing
- Trusting Hearts – Awakening the passion of our *life together*
  - Encouraged in heart!!
  - Abiding and anchored!!

## Havens of Friends and Mentors Gathering Together

As a team building ministry coach it's my desire to cultivate the spiritual passion and relational mission of our *life together*. Therefore, our summer strategy is focused on staying connected as we "*gather together*."

- ✓ We are developing and directing a leadership community who facilitate the worship celebration, teaching conversation and fellowship communication of our Sunday morning gatherings.
- ✓ We are encouraging and uniting a youth adult community who are reaching a teen culture as a student ministry team as well as connecting an emerging culture of career/companion seekers.
- ✓ We are equipping and overseeing a growing team of mentors/servants who lead our missional communities (bible fellowship gatherings, men's and women's ministries, etc.

## Hearts Growing Deeper in Faith and Love

As a vision casting bible teacher it's my desire to communicate God's revelation and invitation to this "*life together*." Therefore, our summer series is focused on staying anchored as we "*grow deeper*."

- ✓ As a worshipping community we are focused on praying together. Life change (liberation/transformation) won't occur without daily and meaningful connection with God.
- ✓ As a teaching community we are focused on reflecting together. Life change (liberation/transformation) won't occur without meditating and implementing God's truth.
- ✓ As a fellowshiping community we are focused on sharing together no substantial or lasting growth will occur without the encouragement and compassionate involvement of mutual sharpeners or supporters.