

**Why Are We Here?**  
**Part 3: Growing with Others**  
**Acts 2:42-47**

**STBC Mission Statement: Shiloh Terrace Baptist Church is a multi-ethnic community connecting people to Christ by loving, growing, serving, and sharing.**

**Why should I participate in a small group Bible study?**

**1. To Be Set Free**

<sup>31</sup>To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. <sup>32</sup>Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” John 8:31-32

- **From: Sin and a Secular Worldview;**
- **To: Love Jesus more deeply and Follow Him more consistently.**

**2. To Be Connected to Christ in Community**

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship (*koinonia*)... . Acts 2:42

**True fellowship/*koinonia* requires:**

- **Availability:** to be committed to **attend**;
- **Confidentiality:** to keep what’s said in the group in the group;
- **Authenticity:** to be honest and **transparent** about who you are;
- **Mutuality:** to love one another instead of expecting it to be a one-way street;
- **Accessibility:** to work hard to invite others to **join** the group.

