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 CENTRAL 

Apostolic Small Group Seminar





How we got here...

60% to 70% not in a small group.

The goal: every person accounted for.

For several years Bishop has said, “Shepherd, where are your sheep?”

326 currently assigned to a small group.

House to house

by metonymy (a figure of speech consisting of the use of the name of one thing for that of another of which it is an attribute or with which it is associated), the inmates of a house, all the persons forming one family, a household
(from Thayer's Greek Lexicon)



"Oikos," aside from being a popular brand of yogurt, is a word infused with a great deal of meaning, hope, and promise. While in the Bible it can mean "a house"(an inhabited house, home, any building whatever, any dwelling place), or "descendants," I'm using it in the sense of "all the persons forming one family, a household.

In English, "household" connotes the nuclear family. In the Greek however, its usage is broader and encompasses family, neighbors, coworkers, and friends, and those with whom we come into regular contact. These 8-15 people may be your neighbors, coworkers, local barista, grocery store clerk, parents on your kid's sport team, your hair dresser, professor, physical therapist, roommate, business associate, mechanic, waiter at your favorite restaurant, dog groomer, gardener, carpool buddies, dentist, etc. — Larry Kapchinsky

Exodus 18:14-22

- 14 And when Moses' father in law saw all that he did to the people, he said, What is this thing that thou doest to the people? why sittest thou thyself alone, and all the people stand by thee from morning unto even?
- 15 And Moses said unto his father in law, Because the people come unto me to inquire of God:
- 16 When they have a matter, they come unto me; and I judge between one and another, and I do make them know the statutes of God, and his laws.

- 17 And Moses' father in law said unto him, The thing that thou doest is not good.
- 18 Thou wilt surely wear away, both thou, and this people that is with thee: for this thing is too heavy for thee; thou art not able to perform it thyself alone.
- 19 Hearken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel, and God shall be with thee: Be thou for the people to Godward, that thou mayest bring the causes unto God:

- 20 And thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt shew them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do.
- 21 Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens:
- 22 And let them judge the people at all seasons: and it shall be, that every great matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge: so shall it be easier for thyself, and they shall bear the burden with thee.

Acts 2:42-47

- 42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.
- 43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.
- 44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

- 45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.
- 46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,
- 47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

What is the parallel between Acts 2 and Exodus 18?

Oikos ~ group of 10

Elements of the New Testament Church

- Doctrine
- Fellowship (koinoonia)
- Prayer
- Community
- Unity



Two gatherings:

- The Temple
- House-to-house



fellowship, association, community, communion, joint participation, contact

1. the share which one has in anything, participation; with the genitive of the thing in which he shares

2. contact, fellowship, intimacy

3. a benefaction [contribution, donation] jointly contributed, a collection, a contribution, as exhibiting an embodiment and proof of fellowship

(from Thayer's Greek Lexicon)

Fellowship

Goals of an Oikos

- Weekly oversight, accountability, and connections
- Focus on connection, not gathering
- Gathering should be the result of connection
- Opportunity for discipling



The outlet for an Oikos

- Home Bible Study
- Sunday brunch
- Coffee shop
- Saturday hike
- Cookout
- House fellowship



Jesus' example...

- Jesus and the disciples formed an Oikos. There were times he met with all of them, times he met with smaller groups (Peter, James, John), and times He interacted with those not directly a part of this group (Nicodemus, woman at the well, etc.)
- He didn't reserve ministry just for times when everyone gathered. He reached out in person and through others ("tell the disciples and Peter") to individuals when they needed it most.
- His ministry was led by the Spirit, which dictated His schedule, rather than being dictated by a schedule that the Spirit had to fit into.

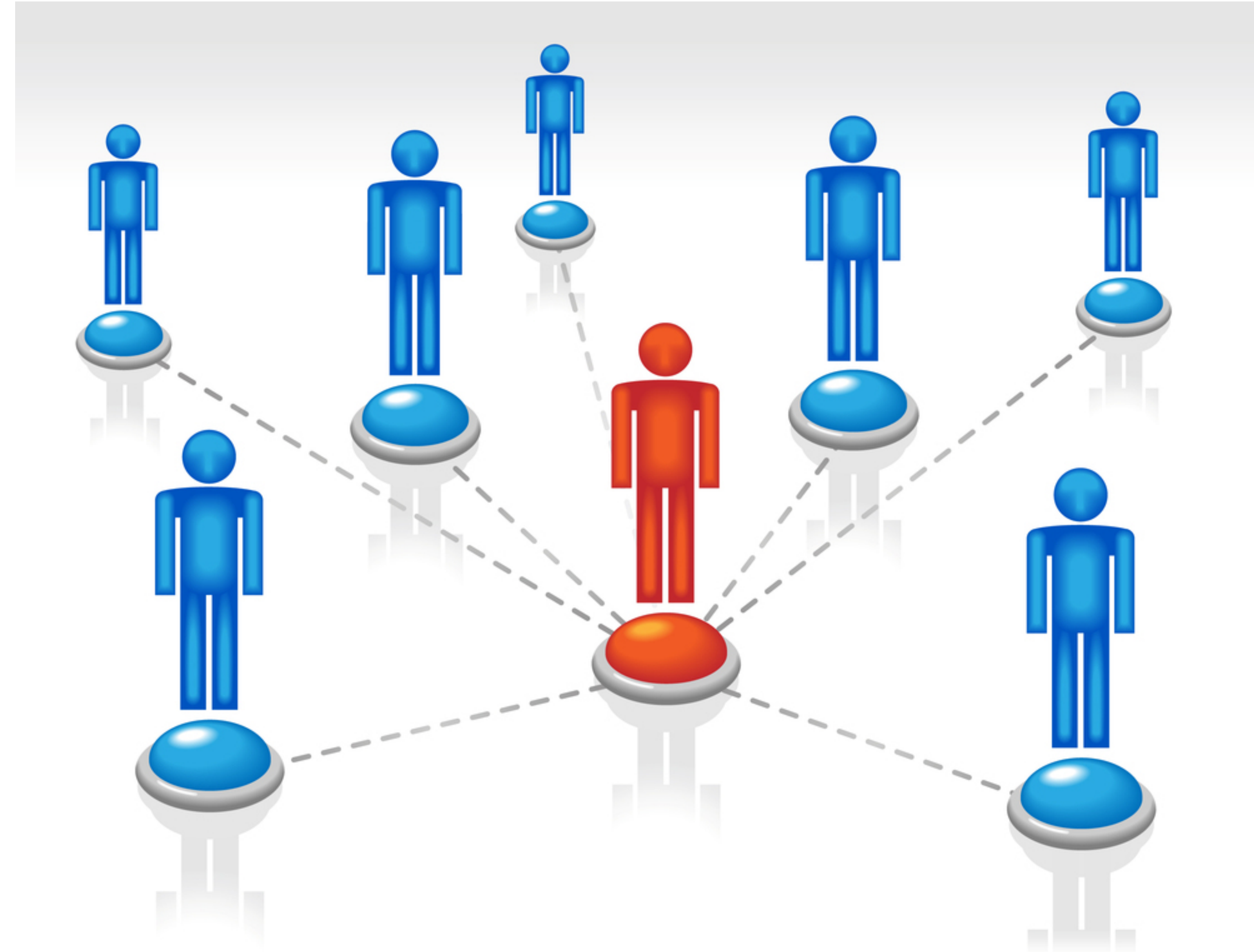
Email address:	
Deacon Name:	
Elder Name:	
Describe how you ministered to your oikos this week:	
Phone Calls	None
Text Messages	-still working a lot of hours to make up for her vacation time off, she is excited about the parenting seminar, camp and VBS.
	-prepping for the move by the end of the month and working extra hours to cover the additional expenses
	-started a new job on Monday, happy for the change and expects more normal day time hours
	excited about the parenting seminar and camp. They will be out of town for VBS, to see her family. Called on Sunday after the morning service to tell me her and kids missed me ❤️
Gatherings	-no response this week
	participated in the Daniel fast and prayer the ladies Oikos did. She said it was really good for her and she feels she laid some things down that she has been holding on to.
General Comments & Questions	None

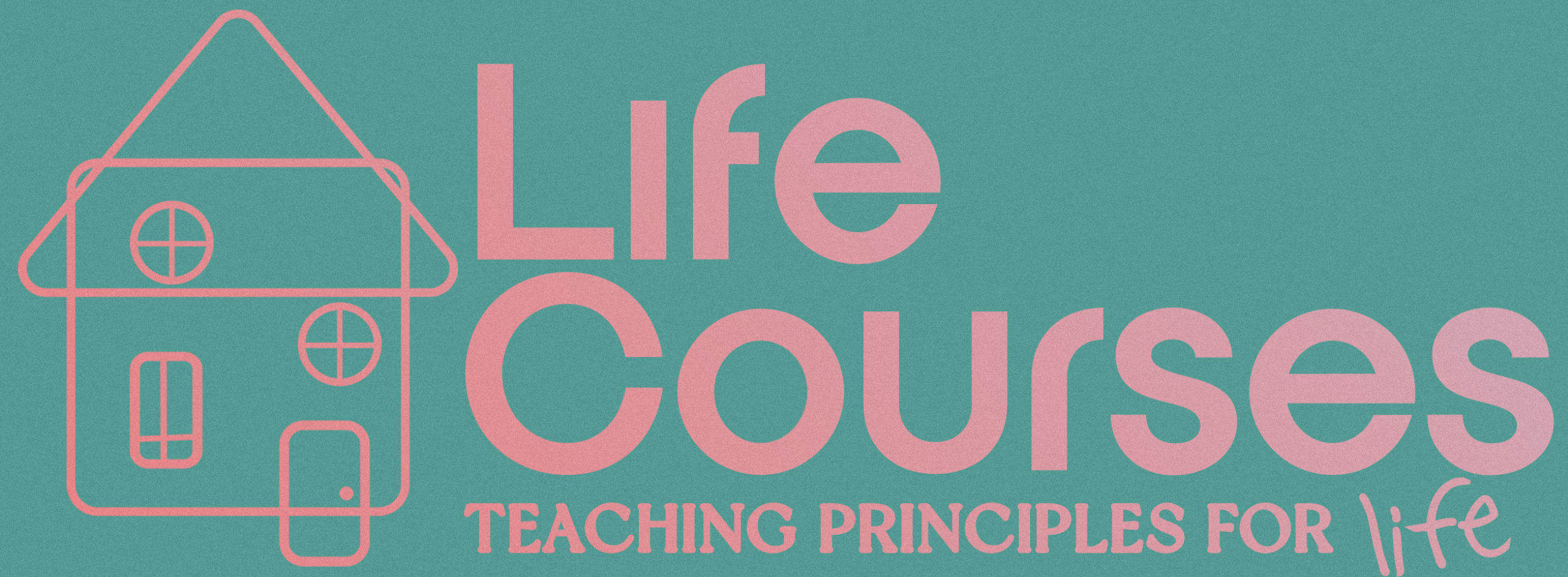
Email address:	
Deacon Name:	
Elder Name:	
Describe how you ministered to your oikos this week:	
Phone Calls	N/A
Text Messages	has texted with , , , and . Hoping to get some of the girls together again soon. texted with the group, and (working on some chicken coop plans lol)
Gatherings	Gathered at house. We were supposed to have (a new couple at church), but . We fellowshiped for ~90 minutes and then got into the lesson, which went well. Literally everyone chimed in and we had a great conversation. I love how well the group is getting along and getting to know each other. We didn't leave until 10/10:30 because we were sharing experiences relating to the lesson.
General Comments & Questions	Side note: I had coffee with prior to . We talked for over 2 hours, and it was really good conversation. I'm still trying to nail down a time with , and am working on getting together with since we've been getting along super well.

Who are your connections?

An Oikos is NOT a clique.

a small group of people, with shared interests or other features in common, who spend time together ~~and do not readily allow others to join them~~ (Oxford Dictionary)





Walking in Dominion

Nathaniel Rafter

7 PM at the church

Capacity: 15 in-person

4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24, 5/1, 5/8

In this course we will discuss how to consistently walk in dominion in our lives. We will discuss what dominion is, who our adversary is, and the pitfalls we all deal with that cause us to give up dominion in our lives. We will discuss topics such as prayer, God's character, shame and the need to be in alignment with God.



Creative Thinking

Nathanael Wright

7 PM at the church

Capacity: 20 in-person

4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24



Fathered By God

Jalen Mauk

7 PM at the Mauk home

Capacity: 12 in-person

4/4, 4/11, 4/18, 4/25, 5/9, 5/16

In Fathered By God, we will take a journey back to a simple but essential truth: God is our Father, and He wants to show us what masculinity really means.

A boy has a lot to learn in his journey to becoming a man, and a man has a lot to learn in his journey to become more like Christ. It takes the active intervention of father figures and the fellowship of other men to guide us along this journey.

Through personal stories, practical guidance, and biblical principle, we can embrace this journey together. So join the Fathered by God life course, discover the truth about masculinity, and become the man that God has called you to be!

Required Materials: Fathered By God Book | \$11 at Amazon.com

An Oikos is ministry **to** the body to empower the body to do the work **of** the body. It is not a ministry **of** Antioch Central, it is **the** ministry of Antioch Central.

The progression...

- **Progression since 2020**
- **Young Adults**
 - 1 group averaging 12
 - 3 groups averaging over 30
- **Monthly gathering**
 - 2021 - 6 times
 - 2022 once a month (alternating between a Sunday night or a Thursday night)
 - Thursday nights we average 160 to 180. Last two Thursday night gatherings was 263 & 264.