

The 3 Primary Purposes of Our "Mind of Christ" Groups

*The phrase "in Christ" appears 89 times in the NIV New Testament; the term "Christian" appears twice
My favorite expression for living in the Kingdom of God is having "the mind of Christ" 1 Cor 2:16

We honor the Bible and hold to its inerrancy and infallibility as God's Word, but our purpose on earth is not to be "Bible Scholars" but to love God with every fiber of our being and our neighbor as our selves. Therefore, the objective of all our small groups is to assist people to be "in Christ" and to have His "mind" by providing:

#1 - Physical, emotional, and spiritual health - "how are you doing?"
(most of the really important things in life are fragile)

James 5:13-16 NIV

13 Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. 14 Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. 16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

#2 - A venue where honest questions about matters of faith can be asked

(Jesus used people's legitimate questions as one of his primary teaching methods)

Mark 10:17 NIV

17 As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

#3 - A place for spiritual instruction

(the mind of Christ is generally both "taught and caught")

1 Thess 2:6-8 NIV

As apostles of Christ we could have been a burden to you, 7 but we were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her little children. 8 We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us.

