**“My Story” – Week 4 (Our Story)**

**January 29-30, 2022**

**(Teacher’s Note: The message this week will be a little different. Instead of doing something in a presentational style, we are going to do a panel discussion. I would like you to find some people – preferably 7th-12th grade students but adults are fine as well – to interview about the importance of being in a life group, living in community, and not being a Christian by yourself. This should take the first 10-15 min of your message and then you can close with the content below during the final 2-3 min of the message time)**

**THP: Our story is about following God together!**

**Interview Questions**

When did you first join a life group?

What happens at your life group? Do you do some of the same things as we do here at 56?

What is one of the best parts of being in this life group?

What is one of the difficult or challenging parts of being in a life group?

Why is being in a life group or living in community so important as a Christian? How can we follow God together?

**Closing Thoughts**

I want to close with a well-known verse from the book of Acts in the New Testament. The Book of Acts was written by Luke and it tells a lot of stories about the first Christians after Jesus rose from the dead. They were a very small group, but almost overnight, thousands of people started becoming Christians! Check out this verse from Acts 2:42-47:

*“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking*

*of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”*

The reason we gather each weekend at Northview Students to sing/worship, read Scripture together, think about what’s going on in our life, have good and meaningful conversations with each other…it is all about our **THP – Our story is about following God together –** not living this Christian life by ourselves, but doing it together. We really do need each other! Let’s pray!