

LOVING PEOPLE

An Introduction to Adult Sunday School: Part 3 of 3

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3. Therefore, **ministry** best takes place within the context of a small group!
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