

# Small Groups

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is a small group?

A small group is an environment where individuals are known, cared for, and encouraged in their relationship with God. Small groups consist of 8-14 people and are for people at all ages and stages in life. The purpose of a small group is to enable individuals to know God better and love him more through fellowship, Bible study, and prayer.

### Where do small groups meet?

Small groups meet in people's homes throughout the area or at the church.

### How often do groups meet?

Most groups meet weekly throughout the year.

### How long do groups last?

Other than the limited-duration groups, such as Starting Point, Winning Him Without Words, and BUILD, most groups choose to stay together through several seasons of Bible study. A typical Mixed, Men's, or Women's group might wish to stay together for a year or two.

### How long does a group meeting last?

A group meeting will typically last 90 minutes.

### What takes place in a group meeting?

Though groups will differ in how they do things from week to week, most groups spend time catching up with one another at the beginning, then move into a time of Bible study, and conclude in prayer together. Often groups enjoy serving together as well outside of the weekly group time.

### What kinds of groups are there?

*Mixed:* consist of married and single adults of all ages and stages in life.

*Men's and Women's:* same gender groups consisting of married, single, divorced, or widowed adults.

*Starting Point:* 12-week, co-ed small group for individuals interested in seeking or starting a relationship with God.

*Winning Him Without Words:* 12-week, women's group for those whose spouse is not yet a believer.

*BUILD:* 12-week, men's group for those desiring to build a biblical foundation and grow in leadership

## **What do groups study?**

Most groups participate in our church-wide, sermon-based series. The curriculum is developed by the church staff and is designed to coincide with the weekly sermons. Groups also have the option to study other curricula that is approved by the church staff.

## **What is there for singles?**

Single adults can participate in mixed groups (single and married adults) or same-gender groups. If you are a single adult under the age of 35, you may also participate in the [Young Adult Ministry](#), which is a gathering for adults (single or married without kids) that meets weekly for fellowship and Bible study.

## **How much Bible knowledge do I need?**

None. A small group is a safe place for individuals to learn and grow together through group discussion. People are at various points in their relationship with God and knowledge of the Bible, and we believe that is what makes the time together rich and enjoyable for all.

## **What about childcare?**

The church provides childcare on-site for groups that meet on Sundays from 4:30 – 6:00 pm and on Wednesdays from 6:30 – 8 pm. For groups that meet in homes, the church will reimburse (at a predetermined rate) for childcare needed during each group meeting. Call the church office for more info.