

# Small Groups FAQ



## **What are Small Groups?**

Small Groups are small groups of people meeting together to build relationships and to grow with one another.

## **Who can join a Small Group?**

Anyone can join a Small Group. You don't have to be a member of the church to participate in our Small Groups, but coming to our services is the best way to experience what we're all about. Visitors are encouraged to join Small Groups at any time unless otherwise specified. For example, some Bible studies, training classes or activities are progressive and would require full attendance.

## **Are all Small Groups the same?**

No, we have a large variety of groups that offer just about anything that you can imagine. You can find all our Small Groups listed in one of these three categories:

Growth Groups – *Where you can learn*

Interest Groups – *Where you can relate*

Touch Groups – *Where you can serve*

## **Why should I join a Small Group?**

Small Groups are the best way to get connected with other people at the church. In a Small Group, it is easier to meet people and to find a place where you can fit in.

## **How do I choose a Small Group?**

You can read about Small Groups on the church website or get a list from the Welcome Center or church office. Fill out a Small Group Connection Card to join a group or contact the Small Group Leader for more information.

## **When and where do Small Groups meet?**

We try to make our Small Groups fit your lifestyle, so they meet at various times and locations. Most groups are about 1 hour in length, depending on the group. Contact your Small Group Leader for time and location information.

## **How many weeks does a Small Group have?**

Each Small Group is different. Some only last for four weeks, and some run continuously. You can choose a Small Group that fits your schedule.

## **Can I change Small Groups?**

If you haven't found what you're looking for, we have plenty of groups to choose from. If you want to try a new group, wait until the entry point for the next term. Small Groups run in three terms – Spring, Summer, and Fall.

## **Can I continue in my Small Group for more than one term?**

If the Small Group is running for another term, you can definitely rejoin the same group.

## **Can I join more than one Small Group?**

Yes, but we believe you will have the best experience if you are committed to just one or two.

## **Is childcare provided?**

For the care and safety of our children, all childcare givers are screened and trained workers. Contact the Small Group Leader of the group for more information.

## **What if I want to start a Small Group?**

Great! We're always looking for new and fresh ideas. Go through our Plug-In Courses, attend our next Small Group Orientation, and complete a Small Group Leadership Application. Once your Small Group has been approved by church leadership, you can start building your group. From time to time we will have a Small Group Rally Day where you can set up a display table for people to visit after a church service. You must have at least three people to start a Small Group, but there is no limit to how big you can grow!