

JUNIOR HIGH SMALL GROUPS

What Small Groups Are All About

Hey! I'm glad you're considering joining a Small Group! Here is some info on why we have Small Groups and how to get the most out of it if you decide to get connected.

Understanding Why We Have Small Groups

We meet to study the Bible

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right." 2 Tim. 3:16

We meet to grow closer to God

God loves you more than you can imagine. He wants good things for your life, better things than you could ever dream! He wants you to learn more about him... so come ready to grow!

We meet because God changes lives

Learning truth about God without allowing that truth to RADICALLY impact your life is a crime against God. He wants to make a difference IN your life and THROUGH your life. Make the decision to impact your world for Christ. You can do it! Live in obedience to what you know is right.

How to Get the Most Out of Small Groups

Commit to consistency and show up on time

Be on time and show up at 6:30. If you have a schedule conflict, coming late is fine, but try to get here as close to 6:30 as possible.

Bring your Bible

Bring your Bible so you can learn to use it, make notes in it, underline key verses, etc.

Develop a personal quiet time

One of the great truths about your relationship with God is that you don't HAVE TO go to a church program in order to spend time with him and grow closer to him. In fact, if the only time you stop to focus on God is when you are "at church," then you're really missing out. Begin to develop your personal alone times with God, this will push you into deeper spiritual maturity.

Stay mentally focused

Since most of the time we'll be talking about God and important spiritual matters, do your best to remain focused. Everyone should be mentally involved and participate in the discussions. Not everyone feels like talking in front of others, THIS IS FINE, but you can still stay focused and learn.

Respect your small group

Maintain confidentiality. Be honest with your questions, fears, struggles, etc. Refuse to "play it safe" and take a risk. Superficial relationships permeate EVERY aspect of our lives, don't let that sickness exist in your small group. Don't talk to make conversation, but share to make a difference.

When, Where, and How Does it Work?

When

We meet on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm and finish at 8:00pm.

Where

We meet at the Church in room 205 in the education building.

How it Works

Students all come together at the beginning and eat snacks and hangout. You then split off into your group (3-6 students) in different areas of the church. Each group is separated by gender and by preferences that you fill out in a form on the next page. Groups are then paired with an adult leader. This structure enables you to process and discover Truth for yourself through discussion and questions that encourage you to dig deeper.

Small Group Form

If you're interested in joining a Small Group, just fill this form out and give it to any Youth Leader.

Name _____ Phone # _____

1. What grade are you in? _____

2. What School do you go to?

3. List a few friends you would like to be grouped with.

4. Is there a specific youth leader or adult in the church that you would like to be your small group leader? If so, who?

Please rank the following criteria based on how important it is to you and how you want to be grouped with other students:

(1=most important, 4=least important)

_____ Grade

_____ People from your School

_____ Friend: _____

_____ A specific leader: _____