

SMALL GROUP ESSENTIALS

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We're not a church with small groups, we are a church of small groups! We believe that, like the early church, people need to be invested life on life, as they follow Jesus in step with the Spirit. Therefore, we meet in homes regionally to be united in the application of God's word, persistent in prayer and consistent in love as we mission together. (Acts 2:42-72)

Mission: Make Disciples of Jesus, Like Jesus Did (Great Commission – Matthew 28:16-20)

Method: Worship like Jesus, do Community like Jesus and do Mission like Jesus

Definition: Regionally based communities that are united weekly in the application of God's word, persistent prayer and consistent love as they mission together.

"The 4 Things We Do Together"

1. Word – Application
 - Specific Discussion – Avoid Generalities, Make it Personal
 - Focused Discussion – Keep the Heart Central
 - Demonstrate Humility – Opening Up and Accepting Accountability
 - Emphasize Action – Not Just Knowledge (James 1:22-25; 1 Corinthians 8:1)
2. Pray – Persistently
 - Get Specific – Praises, Confessions and Requests
 - Pray as a First Resort – Give Prayer Quality Time
 - Demonstrate Humility – Identify God's Will and Mission as Central (Matthew 6:9)
 - Be Urgent – Desperately Seek God's Presence and Power (Luke 11:1-13)
3. Love – Consistently
 - Life on Life – Get in Each Other's Lives Outside of Program (Acts 2:42-47; Proverbs 18:1)
 - Practice the "One Anothers"
 - Love One Another (1 John 4:7-8)
 - Forgive One Another (Ephesians 4:32)
 - Serve One Another (Galatians 5:13)
 - Submit to One Another (1 Peter 5:5)
 - Encourage One Another (Philippians 1:3-6)
 - Be Devoted to One Another (Romans 12:4-5)
4. Mission – Together
 - Our Purpose – The Reason We're Here
 - As a Church
 - As a Christian
 - As a Small Group
 - Our Focus – Mission is Central to The Meetings (not adding programming)
 - Word becomes "the Sword" (Ephesians 6:17; Hebrews 4:12)
 - Prayer becomes Urgent (Ephesians 6:18-20)
 - Love and Unity is Fostered (1 Corinthians 12; John 17:20-26)

**All Small Group Leaders need to actively foster these four things within their group.*