

WHAT IS A SMALL GROUP?

Small groups are made up of 6-12 individuals that meet weekly in someone's home or at the church for fellowship, Bible study, prayer, and service. They are for adults of all ages, stages of life, and spiritual maturity.

WHAT KINDS OF GROUPS ARE THERE?

Married Couples

Singles

Women

Men

College

Common Interest (Affinity)

IS CHILDCARE PROVIDED FOR EACH GROUP MEETING?

Childcare is provided only if the group meets at the church on Sunday evenings from 5:00-7:00; Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:30; or Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:30. For groups that meet off campus or at different times, we reimburse (at a predetermined rate) for babysitters needed for each group meeting.

WHEN AND WHERE DO GROUPS MEET?

Most of our groups generally meet Sunday through Thursday evenings. Groups can meet in one of the group member's homes, but some meet at the church. Those that meet at the church at specific times may utilize childcare.

IS CHILDCARE AVAILABLE?

Groups that meet at Hillside on Sunday evenings from 5-7pm, Tuesday or Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm, or Tuesday or Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:30am are able to use our childcare. Childcare must be reserved by each individual by contacting Marie at 457-4918.

For groups that do not meet at HCC at these times, childcare will need to be secured on your own. We have a partial reimbursement voucher system for those who are unable to afford childcare.

HOW OFTEN DO GROUPS MEET?

Most groups normally meet weekly. Some groups meet twice a month. Due to schedule conflicts, groups consisting of married couples with children sometimes do not meet during the summer.

HOW LONG DOES A GROUP LAST?

Small groups can meet for 18-24 months. At that point, we recommend multiplying. However, there are some groups who continue to meet longer.



HOW LONG DOES EACH GROUP MEETING LAST?

Each group picks the length of time they will meet. However, most groups meet for an hour and a half to two hours.

WHAT GOES ON AT A GROUP MEETING?

Though each group differs in how they do things, many groups have a social time in the beginning, then they transition to a time where they discuss the book they are studying and pray for each other. At the very beginning of the group, the whole group decides how much time they will spend on social, discussion, and prayer time (as well as the order in which they take place).

WHAT DOES IT MEAN WHEN A GROUP "MULTIPLIES?"

During the term of the group, the group leader may train an apprentice to be the leader of the next group. After 18-24 months, the leader will take half of the current group, and the apprentice (after becoming an approved leader) will take the other half of the group. Then they will add more members to their respective new groups, therefore allowing others to join groups with seasoned leaders. Groups are not required to multiply, but it is highly encouraged. Developing an apprentice leader is recommended whether or not the group intends to multiply.

WHAT DO THEY STUDY?

Each group picks their own curriculum to study with the help of the HCC Staff. Curriculum can be found online (see Resources list) or it can be checked out from the church. Some is located in the library and some is in the 400 Building Workroom. Leader's guides are free, but participant guides for the group will be sold through the Vine. Group leaders are responsible for ordering curriculum through the Small Groups Coordinator or Ministry Assistant.

WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF A SMALL GROUP AT HILLSIDE?

- To follow Hillside's Mission *to love God as we lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. We do this through Worship, Grow, Serve, Share.*
- To promote relationships & build biblical community
- To experience and provide a safe environment for life-changing growth through Bible study, prayer and fellowship
- To serve each other, our church and our community together