

Covenant Community Groups

What is a “Covenant Community Group”?

A Covenant Community Group is a gathering of several couples/families to foster covenant relationships and community at Christ Church. The groups are designed for families to have fellowship, prayer, and application of God’s Word. Subject to space availability, groups may meet in a home or at the church.

How are they different from Shepherding Groups?

The Shepherding Groups at Christ Church are subsections of the congregation assigned to an elder to give members and regular visitors a primary point of contact with the elders of Christ Church. As such, the Shepherding Groups focus more on geography and relationships between congregants and particular elders, and Shepherding Groups can be rather large, including fifteen or more families in each. Covenant Community Groups, on the other hand, have as their primary focus the relationships being built within the group to foster deepening of those relationships, and they tend to be much smaller.

What will be the format of the meetings?

The details of a meeting will be up to each Group, but the recommended format is roughly one hour and thirty minutes, divided into periods of study, prayer requests and prayer, and fellowship.

What will be the schedule of the meetings?

Each group will decide on the specific day and time of meetings, but the recommended frequency is every other week or twice per month.

What resources will be used?

Groups can use various resources, including original devotional materials, videos, and other Session-approved materials.

Can I try out a group before I make a long-term commitment?

Absolutely! Covenant Community Groups will run in the Fall (starting in September) and again in the Spring (in January after a break for the holidays), with opportunities to see what format works best for you. We encourage you to give Covenant Community Groups a try to see the benefits of nurturing relationships with other believers.

What about children?

Each group will decide whether to include children and how to incorporate them. Families are welcome to obtain a babysitter, have children in the group itself, or have a separate space in the home where the group is being held where the children could play or watch a video.

If you have additional questions, please contact Pastor Greco at the church office (281.392.0002)