

GRACE BIBLE CHURCH

Small Groups

At Grace, a primary means of discipleship happens through small groups. These are people with whom you will study God's Word, pray and fellowship. Many churches do small groups, so perhaps you've had experience in small group settings before. Regardless of whether you're a seasoned small group veteran or the idea of meeting in someone's home is brand new and frankly terrifying, allow us to explain some core commitments of Grace small groups.

Discuss God's Word

Every small group is committed to studying God's Word together for about 30 minutes. Currently this means that every group uses the sermon from the previous week as the source of the discussion – reading the passage(s) used to preach, and going through prepared questions as a guide to learn and apply God's Word.

Genuine Accountability and Prayer

Small groups are one place where you will be poured into and also where you can pour into others as they grow in Christ. This includes the two-way streets of comfort, counsel and encouragement.

During every small group meeting we spend time connecting with one another, sharing, and praying. We know God hears his children when we pray, and we know we can confidently approach God by his grace through Jesus Christ. Therefore, we anticipate that your prayer life and intimacy with God will increase as a result of being in a GBC small group.

Culture of Invitation

A "culture of invitation" means we always have an open door for a new person in a group. The goal is to be prepared for more disciples to want to join us for the deep impact small groups make in people's lives. To that end, even when groups get quite large for a "small group", every group is an open group. "But what if a group gets too big" you ask? This leads us to our final core commitment...

Culture of Multiplication

A “culture of multiplication” means that every group has as one of its goals the birth of new groups. When groups begin averaging 14 or more people, it’s going to be close to multiplying. This is where leadership training comes in, so that there’s always a future leader or two being made ready to multiply. GBC Small groups do not primarily exist as clusters of best friends or for recruitment of people who are in our stage of life. Our small groups exist for discipleship and ministry, so that God is glorified and people grow in Christ.

If these core commitments resonate with you, then you’ll love small groups at Grace!