

FIND FREEDOM: SMALL GROUPS

Small Groups – We grow stronger, together.

WHAT WE DO?

We create small groups where people can experience community, find freedom and take next steps.

WHY WE DO IT?

1. Because small groups are the Biblical model.

(Acts 20:20) You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house.

2. Because people need to be known.

3. Because life change happens in relationships.

Everyone has issues. All of us have areas that we need deliverance.

(James 5:16) Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.

Four aspects of a person's life...

- Arena – I know and you know
- Mask – I know but you don't know
We all have issues – we're only as sick as our secrets
- Blind spot – You know but I don't know
Only receive it from someone you love and trust
- Potential – I don't know and you don't know
Which leads to the last reason for groups...

4. Because growth happens in relationships.

(Proverbs 27:17) As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.

Job description of the small group leader.

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2. Host a weekly meeting
3. Identify people spiritually
4. Help them take one step

HOW WE DO IT?

1. Must have total commitment to small groups.

Must be a groups church, not a church with groups. Put everything in groups.

2. Allow people to form groups based on their interests.

We call them “free-market” groups. We're not focused on what causes the gathering. The gathering is the excuse so that the purpose can happen.

3. Intentionally form needed groups.

We call these anchor/hub groups.

Men Women Students Marriage Freedom Outreach/SERVE Prayer

4. Use events to promote the hub groups.

Events are not the focus. We use events as a catalyst to promote our groups.

5. Groups should meet weekly for ESPN.

Weekly is important.

ESPN – small group leader's responsibility

Encouragement

Scripture

Prayer

Next Steps

6. Groups should meet in semesters.

We have 3 semesters annually: Spring, Summer, and Fall

Semesters are beneficial for several reasons:

- Semesters let people join at the beginning.
- Semesters take advantage of natural start times.
- Semesters take advantage of natural stop times.

7. Groups should be covered by pastoral leadership in oversight capacity.

8. We will never stop recruiting and training new leaders.

Training leaders happens all year long in Growth Track (Step 4 – The fourth Sunday of every month.)

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GROUPS NEEDED

- Men
- Women
- Freedom
- College/Career
- Marriage
- Outreach/Serve

READY TO GET STARTED?

If you are ready to get started, visit us at www.familychurch.net/smallgroups and sign up to be a small group leader. You CAN make a difference!

JOIN US SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH FOR THE SMALL GROUP & DREAM TEAM FAIR!