

Small Group Ministry

Purpose

Small group ministry is the foundational tool for achieving our church's mission.

Outcomes

1. Facilitate the spiritual growth of the believer and the church
2. Achieve a greater portion of the church membership involved in every aspect of the discipleship process of CGSS.
3. Increase overall church membership

Small Group Ministry Types and Outcomes

1. Core Discipleship Groups (CDG's)

- All members should be involved in this type of group
- CDG's will include all Sunday School classes and groups that meet at times other than 9:30am on Sundays
- Activities/benchmarks of this type of small group
 1. Bible Study will be the key component of CDG's.
 2. CDG's will engage in ongoing fellowship, and will plan and implement at least one off campus fellowship a semester.
 3. The CDG membership will seek to meet the benevolence needs of the group.
 4. CDG's will engage in one service project a semester.
 5. Each CDG will have a vision for starting additional classes and developing new leadership.
 6. Each CDG will promote attendance in the corporate worship service of the member's choice.
 7. CDG's will promote daily bible study.
 8. Movement from one CDG to another CDG would be optional.
 9. In general, no membership caps will be enforced for CDG's, but a membership cap of 20 will be encouraged.
 10. CDG leadership must be engaged in semiannual leadership training.
 11. CDG's will conduct class on an ongoing basis.
 12. CDG leaders will report to responsible pastor for benchmark status.
 13. CDG curriculum must be approved by the Discipleship Pastor

2. FBC University (FBCU) (Believing God Beth More Study, Estate Planning, Money Management, New Believers' Class)

1. FBCU groups will focus on topical studies.
2. FBCU groups will conduct classes on a short term basis.

3. FBCU groups cannot meet on Sunday's at 9:30am and will not be considered an alternative option to a CDG.
 4. FBCU groups will be capped as needed by the responsible Pastor.
 5. FBCU group leaders must participate in FBCU group training before leading a FBCU group.
 6. FBCU curriculum must be approved by the Discipleship Pastor
3. **Interest Groups** (Scrapbooking, Quilting, Wild Game)
1. Interest Groups will be designed around a certain interest or hobby.
 2. Interest Groups will intentionally promote a relationship with Jesus Christ.
 3. Interest Groups will encourage fellowship and relationship building.
 4. Interest Group meetings must contain a spiritual component.
 5. Interest Groups cannot meet on Sunday's at 9:30am and will not be considered an alternative option to a CDG.
 6. Interest Group leaders must participate in Interest group training before leading an Interest Group.
4. **Specialty Discipleship Groups (SDG's)**(choir program, missions programs)
1. SDG's will focus on specific areas of discipleship.
 2. SDG's will include an ongoing service component.
 3. SDG's will conduct ministry on an ongoing basis.
 4. SDG leaders must participate in SDG group training before leading a SDG group.
 5. SDG's cannot meet on Sunday's at 9:30am and will not be considered an alternative option to a CDG.

Expected Interaction between Small Groups

1. A small group catalogue will be published semiannually supplying information on every small group at FBC!
2. Every member is expected to be involved in a Core Discipleship Group
3. All Non-Core Discipleship Groups will encourage participation in a Core Discipleship Group
4. Participation in non-Core Discipleship Groups is optional
5. Non-Core Discipleship Groups may not meet at 9:30am on Sunday and may not be considered as an alternative option to a Core Discipleship Group.
6. Interest Groups will intentionally create entry points in the church body.