

SMALL GROUP COMMON QUESTIONS

WHY SHOULD I BE IN A SMALL GROUP?

Life is not meant to be lived alone. God made us to connect intentionally with others in community.

Our mission as a church is to love people where they are and encourage them to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. We believe small groups are the best environment for this to happen.

WHAT ARE SMALL GROUPS LIKE?

A small group is typically 6-15 people who gather each week in a home, workplace or other space. You will get to know others who live in your area, grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ and be a part of helping reach the Triangle.

There are college, coed, singles, young pros, men's, and women's groups to choose from.

WILL I FIT IN?

Yes! Regardless of your background or experience, Hope small groups are for you. Groups are a mix of people, some just starting to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ and others who are seasoned in their walk with Him. That's one of the best parts of group life.

HOW CAN I FIND A SMALL GROUP?

You can stop by the Next Steps area at your Hope campus after the service, or you can [click here](#) to find a small group near you.

WHAT ABOUT CHILDCARE?

Some groups offer childcare. Those small groups handle childcare in several different ways, such as:

- Group members hire a babysitter together
- Pairs of group members rotate watching the children

Your group leader will let you know their plan.

WILL I BE PUT ON THE SPOT OR MADE TO PRAY OUT LOUD?

Groups are a safe place. Typically groups take prayer requests, then those who want to pray for those requests can. No, you won't be required to talk about yourself at length, or asked to pray out loud (though, of course, you're welcome to do either, if you want).

CAN I BE PART OF A GROUP IF I DON'T ATTEND HOPE?

Yes. You don't have to attend Hope, or even be a Christian, to attend a small group here.

ARE GROUPS A GOOD PLACE TO INVITE UNBELIEVING FRIENDS?

If someone doesn't believe the gospel but is open to investigating it, there are few better places than a community where they can see it in action, get to know believers, and feel safe enough to ask questions. So yes, small groups are generally a great place to invite unbelieving friends.

WHY ARE GROUPS ENCOURAGED TO USE SERMON-BASED DISCUSSION GUIDES?

Rather than just hear a message on the weekend, message-based groups allow us to live what we learn and really "work out" the practical implications of the weekend messages on our lives.

ARE THERE OTHER CURRICULUM OPTIONS BESIDES MESSAGE-BASED?

Yes. We hope that all groups will consider participating in message-based curriculum. If your group is taking a break or looking for other options, we will be posting other resources soon.

DO YOU HAVE GROUP SERVING OPPORTUNITIES?

We urge each small group to designate someone as its 'mission advocate' to help the group stay focused on missions outside the group. The focus can be your own community, people of your choice, Local Hope or even Global Hope.

There are a host of opportunities both inside and outside the doors of our church. You can find internal serving opportunities on our Local Hope page or our Global Hope page.