

Small Groups: A Place To Grow

Real Life Challenges (part 3)

Grow to maturity.
Encourage each other.
2 Corinthians 13:11 NLT

*“For the first 300 years,
the church didn’t HAVE small
groups—it WAS small groups.”*



A Simple Process for Discipleship

❖ A Purpose: To Grow

Love God ⇄ Love People ⇄ Serve Others ⇄ Reach Out

Jesus replied: “**Love the Lord your God** with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘**Love your neighbor** as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”
Matthew 22:37-40 NIV

Therefore **go and make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.
Matthew 28:19-20 NIV

So we tell others about Christ, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all the wisdom God has given us ... **so that all of Christ’s followers will grow and become mature.**
Colossians 1:28-29 NLT CEV

Small Groups

❖ A Place To Grow

*“Lives are formed and **transformed** in small groups when people meet together to pray, to study, to engage in fellowship, or to work on a specific task.”*

Two Growth Purposes in Jesus’ Small Group:

Be Together and Reach Out

He appointed twelve—designating them apostles—that they might **be with him** and that he might **send them out** to preach
Mark 3:14 NIV

My Major Growth Takes Place When It’s Just Me and God

But Jacob stayed behind **by himself**, and a man **wrestled** with him until daybreak. ... Jacob named the place Peniel (God’s Face) because, he said, “I saw God face-to-face and lived to tell the story!”
Genesis 32:22-32 Msg

Meet in Public and in Homes

And every day, **in the Temple and in their homes**, they continued to teach and preach this message: “Jesus is the Messiah.”
Acts 5:42 NLT

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread **in their homes** and ate together with glad and sincere hearts
Acts 2:47 NIV

Please give my greetings to the church that **meets in their home**.
Romans 16:5 NLT

Aim Especially at Four Things

They devoted themselves to the apostles’ **teaching** and to the **fellowship**, to the **breaking of bread** and to **prayer**.
Acts 2:42 NIV