

Small Group Corner

"Create effective social spaces where people can meet new friends and learn about God together!"



In John 1, we read the story of how Jesus invited the disciples to "come and see." Following Jesus' lead, we have found that one of the best ways to come, see and connect with Jesus, with others, with ourselves, is through relationships built in small groups. So I ask, "How do we build small groups?" There are many answers. I said in my second article "if it is not broken don't fix it" and I mean to hold to that. I intend to focus on providing support to the current groups and to setup a process to participate in "semester" style small groups with new topics (some will be recurring) each semester. For us, I think Fall and Spring will be the most active semesters and Summer will be slightly smaller. More about this in a future article.

To create this semester based system we need to identify and grow a cadre of facilitators (usually called Small Group Leaders). "Small groups are so powerful, and the skills required to lead a small group so learnable, that a lack of "know-how" does not need to stand in the way (Making Small Groups Work, 2003). Small Group Leaders do not need to be subject matter experts, but with a mustard seed of faith and commitment you can facilitate a group to that grows and learns about God together.

To help equip small group leaders I am offering a Small Group Bible study on Small Group Leadership starting after Easter. With phase 3 starting, I think we will be able to meet in person and there will be two time options, one during the day and the other during the evening. The study will last 6-8 weeks. Please sign up through the app, on the website, or contact me.

If you have questions, comments, suggestions, please email them to me, call, or text.

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