



Berean Small Groups Ministry

- Gathering in the homes of small group members, though some groups choose to meet at the church

WHAT IS INVOLVED IN SMALL GROUP PARTICIPATION?

Participation assumes your regular attendance, a willingness to develop new friendships, and a desire to grow spiritually. It also assumes participation in group discussion, prayer, and personal interaction with other group members.

WHAT ARE MEETINGS LIKE?

Though each group develops its own personality and flavor, three essential elements form the core of each small group:

- A time of fellowship and sharing
- A time of spiritual instruction
- A time of prayer

When we consider all the “one another” passages of the Bible, it becomes clear that we do indeed have a responsibility to each other. Therefore, we must be intentional about our efforts and involvement with one another. In light of this truth, in the fall of 2004 the elders encouraged Bereans to gather regularly through a network of small groups.

Becoming more like Christ is central to our gatherings; it shapes our Bible study, focuses our prayers, and grounds our worship. And, God-willing, sanctifying relationships spring forth – all part of our church-wide goal of “making disciples that make disciples.”

As small group leaders, we have seen God use this ministry to cultivate lasting Christian fellowship and continuing spiritual growth for us and for those within our small groups. We have also watched many Bereans more readily navigate their way into the mainstream of church life through small group relationships.

We strongly recommend that you prayerfully consider joining a small group. We hope that the following information will help you make an informed decision.

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MINISTRY OF BEREAN
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FAITH.

IS CHILDCARE PROVIDED?

There will always be a place for children in small groups ministry, yet each group's dynamic may be different. Some groups will have members who have many small children, some with no small children at all. Each group determines its own childcare needs and how to satisfy those needs. Some groups collectively hire teens to babysit during their group meetings. Others share responsibility by having group members take turns watching kids while meetings take place. Regardless, childcare should not prohibit anyone from being involved in a small group.

WHAT IS A SMALL GROUP?

- Committed believers seeking to establish sanctifying relationships through mutual encouragement, accountability, and the building up of one another in Christ and His Word
- Comprised ideally of 8-14 individuals that reflect a spectrum of ages, stages of life, marital status, and ethnic diversity
- Meeting on the 2nd and 4th weekends of the month during the school year and once a month during the summer

DO I HAVE TO BE A MEMBER OF BEREAN TO JOIN A SMALL GROUP?

A small group is usually composed of Berean members, though non-members are welcome to join.

Additionally, every two years or so, we start a new small group that is particularly designed to help usher newer people at Berean into membership and involvement in the life of the church.

SEE FLIP SIDE FOR MORE INFORMATION!

HOW LONG WILL I BE IN THE SAME SMALL GROUP?

While we hope friendships built in your small group will last a lifetime, our objective is not a lifetime commitment to a single small group. Why? We expect to see this ministry continue to grow over time. This will mean that each group will need to “birth” new groups to facilitate the inclusion new people. Over the years, this has taken place within a 2-5 year timeframe.

HOW CAN I JOIN A SMALL GROUP?

You may join a small group at any time throughout the year by speaking with a small group leader and attending their small group meetings. It can be as simple as that! Or contact Pastor Brad to help you find a group that is a good fit for you.

MEETING INFORMATION

We do our best to reserve the weekends of the 2nd and 4th Sundays on the Berean calendar for small group ministry, but individual groups set their own schedules.

LIVONIA

Sunday Evenings
Matt and Meghann Molnar

LIVONIA

Friday Evenings
Bobby and Lora Unis

TAYLOR

Friday Evenings
David & Elizabeth DiMaria

BRIGHTON

Monday Evenings
Dan and Angie Knapp

LIVONIA @ BBC

Sunday Evenings
Rich and Andrea Cork

CANTON

Friday Evenings
Jason and Dolly Cassar

WESTLAND

Sunday Evenings
Elias and Shanna Musallam

NOVI

Monday Evenings
Brad and Teren Sechrist

CANTON (PRIMARYLY)

Sunday Evenings
Jerry and Colette Dorman

LIVONIA

Sunday Afternoons
David & Sofia Shapleigh

LIVONIA

Sunday Afternoons
Ron & Reenie Maynor

NORTHVILLE

Sunday Evenings
Aaron Hensler/Ryan Potocsky

PLEASE take some time to ponder and pray about your need to grow as a follower of Christ...and whether committing to a small group might help you do this. Any small group leader would welcome an opportunity to speak with you, but you are welcome to contact me any time with any additional questions you might have.

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Hope to hear from you soon!