

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)



WHY

Q1: Why Community Groups?

A: Community Groups are designed for people to grow deeper in their walk with Christ. This is accomplished through the pattern seen in Acts 2:42 (bible study, fellowship and prayer). The fruits of healthy Community Groups are personal growth, outreach and service.

WHAT

Q1. What does a Community Group look like?

A: Community Groups are a safe space for helping others as they share challenges and joys of becoming more like Jesus. They will likely have slightly different styles, but all will have time for fellowship, sermon application, and prayer.

Q2. Where do Community Groups meet?

A: Community Groups are relational environments for experiencing and expressing the “one another’s” of the New Testament. The most welcome place for this setting is in a home.

WHO

Q1. Who can be part of a Community Group?

A: It’s best that spouses attend a Community Group together, but approved groups can be formed based on other commonalities. Initially, the weekly group meetings are for West Park folks; however, we hope that your group will invite others who seek a deeper relationship with Christ and West Park.

Q2. Who will lead the group and what will we study?

A: A capable, godly, discerning member of West Park will facilitate discussion using a sermon-based guide provided by West Park. On occasion, the Pastor of Groups may distribute other information.

Q3. What size is a Community Group?

A: Community Groups should start at 10-12 people. If your group is larger than this, the Pastor of Groups (Patrick Hobbs) will work with you at launching another group.

Q4: Who will watch my kids while I’m participating in my small group?

A: We recognize that for some this could be the most important factor in a successful Community group. The spiritual growth of parents is important and we offer the following suggestions (in order of preference) for supervising your kiddos during group time:

- i. Train small children to be quiet participants in your Community Group 😊
- ii. Ask teens to care for kids during the most critical parts of your group meeting
- iii. Within your group, setup a weekly rotation for adults to share the responsibility
- iv. Spouses alternate attendance of Community Group (Dad=odd weeks, Mom=even weeks)
- v. Contact Pastor of Groups to discuss your group meeting while your children are attending Awana

HOW

Q1: How can I start a Community Group?

A: Please contact Patrick Hobbs to discuss the requirements necessary to successfully launch a group.

Q2. How can I find out more about Community Groups?

A: There are a few ways to find out more about Community Groups:

- i. Ask the Pastor of Groups (Patrick Hobbs)
- ii. Email Community@westparkbaptist.org
- iii. Attend the “Connect Class” offered as an Equipping Class on Sunday mornings