



VISION FOR GROUPS

FALL LEADER LUNCH • 2026

OUR VISION / FIVE MARKERS OF COMMUNITY GROUPS

01 — 05

01 CONNECTED in Community

Groups create meaningful relationships where people are known, cared for, and connected. As trust grows, people can share life honestly and discipleship naturally follows.

LEADER WIN “People are known, cared for, and relationally engaged”

02 GROWING in Christ

Groups help people apply God's Word to everyday life through sermon-based discussions, prayer, Scripture, and community as they become more like Jesus.

LEADER WIN “People are applying God's Word and taking next steps in their faith.”

03 INVITING New People

Groups are welcoming environments. As we build relationships and live on mission, we intentionally invite new people into community and toward Jesus.

LEADER WIN “Groups are open to new members, invitational, and outward-focused”

04 SUSTAINING Simple Rhythms

Lasting impact comes through consistency, not complexity. Simple rhythms make groups easier to lead, easier to join, and easier to sustain over time.

LEADER WIN “Groups are sustainable, healthy, and simple to lead”

05 MULTIPLYING Leaders and Groups

Healthy groups reproduce. By sharing ownership, developing leaders, and launching new groups, we create more opportunities for people to experience authentic community.

LEADER WIN “New leaders are being identified, equipped, and released, and multiplication becomes part of the group's culture”

NOTES / TAKEAWAYS



MORE DETAILS...

MULTIPLICATION / PRACTICAL GUIDANCE

BUILD THE CULTURE

- 01 Pray on it
- 02 Communicate early and often
- 03 Shared leadership in smaller ways
- 04 Apprenticeship Model

WAYS A GROUP CAN MULTIPLY

- 01 Original leaders start a new group
- 02 One or two group members start a new group
- 03 One or two group members start a group with some others

HUMANS, NOT ROBOTS

LEADER DEVELOPMENT / UPCOMING GATHERINGS

LEADER WORSHIP & PRAYER NIGHT

Monday, January 4th

OPTIONAL TOPICAL TRAININGS Sundays at 1:00 PM • Totowa Campus

OCT 18	Group Dynamics
NOV 15	What Care Looks Like in Groups
JAN 31	Responding to Tough Theological Questions
FEB 28	Plowing a Counter-Culture
MAY 02	Healthy Spiritual Rhythms and Self-Care

LEADER OPERATIONS / KEY REMINDERS

01 New Group Member Interest – Now text!	02 Adding Group Members to Group Rosters
03 Group Leader Resource Page – all the things	04 Fall Season Ends – Week of December 6th

FEEDBACK GREATLY WELCOME!

FIRST THINGS FIRST / ABIDING FIRST

“Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.”

JOHN 15:4–5 (ESV)

NOTES / NEXT STEPS
