



## HOME GROUP LEADER TRAINING

### Vision Behind Home Groups

- Our mission is to help people Encounter Christ, Experience Life Change, Embrace Community, and Engage in Calling.
  - Home Groups are a great way for people to experience life change and embrace Community by creating meaningful relationships.
- We believe life is done better together.

Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

**Ecclesiastes 4:9-12**

- We are a church **of** Home Groups, **not** a church **with** Home Groups.

Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.

**Acts 5:42**



## Home Groups are a place where people can:

### 1. Connect

Yes, whatever a person is like, I try to find common ground with him so that he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him.

**1 Corinthians 9:22**

### 2. Belong

We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters.

**1 John 3:16**

### 3. Grow

As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

**Proverbs 27:17**

## Home Group Outline

### → Group Types

- Men, Women, Men + Women
  - These types can be broken down into specific categories such as age, relationship status, and season of life.

### → Group Focus

- Community Groups:
  - For those looking to connect, build deeper relationships, and do life together.
  - Centered around an activity.
- Study Groups:
  - For those who want to grow deeper in their faith and knowledge of scripture.
  - Centered around a specific topic.



## Home Group Schedule

- Home Group dates differ based on the group you choose to lead.
  - Community Groups will run the week of May 3 - June 7.
  - Study Groups will begin the week of May 3 and run through the duration of the chosen study.
  
- Groups are done in seasons to:
  1. Easily onboard new people
  2. Honor people's schedules
  3. Engage new leaders
  
- Groups meet weekly during Home Group Season.

## Home Group Structure

- Home Groups are a place for:
  1. Conversation: Follow the 70-30 rule
    - Home Group Leaders should do 30% of the talking to facilitate discussion, regardless of the Group Focus. The discussion among group members should account for the other 70%.
  2. Activity/Topic: This will vary based on the group you're leading.
  3. Prayer: Ask if there are prayer requests from the group.
  4. The Bible: Always find a way to include the Word of God.
  
- Home Groups are not a place for:
  1. Business
  2. Gossip
  3. Unapproved materials or speakers
  4. Controversial Topics
    - If there are questions or concerns related to controversial topics or unrepented sin, those conversations should be addressed through a private, personal conversation.



## Your Role as a Home Group Leader

### → Care for the People in Your Group

*Please check with your members before sharing personal information.*

1. Pray for your members
  - Pray with your members during your weekly meeting.
  - Pray for your members and their requests throughout the week.
  - Share your group's prayer requests with the Prayer Request Form if it is appropriate.
2. Rally the group around any member going through a crisis or life change. This includes anniversaries, birthdays, promotions, births, illnesses, etc.
  - Submit a Care Request form on the church website.
  - Stay in contact with the Prayer + Care Director to receive updates on the Care Request.
  - Encourage your group to participate in caring for your members.

*The Prayer Request and the Care Request forms can be found at <https://myhomechurch.live/prayerandcare>*

### → Encourage the People in Your Group

1. Help members identify and take the next step in their faith journey.
  - Please reach out to our Next Steps Director if you have any questions.
2. Celebrate things happening in each member's life.
3. Connect with group members between meetings.

### → Respect the People in Your Group

1. Create a fun, enjoyable environment that is a safe place for people to share their life experiences.
2. Respect people's time by beginning and ending on time.

### → Create Good Group Dynamics

1. Set expectations
2. Keep the discussion positive
3. Keep the discussion relevant to everyone



## Home Group Leader Requirements

### 1. Leader Training

- *Attend and complete Home Group Leader Training provided by the church.*
- This equips leaders so they can lead with confidence and excellence.

### 2. Faithful Church Participation

- *Consistently attended Home Church for at least **six months**.*
- This consistency shows dedication and commitment to the church.

### 3. Experience as a Group Member

- *Participated in an entire Home Group season led by others.*
- This provides context and understanding of healthy group rhythms.

### 4. Church Commitment

- *Community - Must have completed Home Track in its entirety.*
- *Study - Must have completed Church Membership in its entirety.*
- This ensures alignment with Home Church's Mission, Vision, and Values.

## Home Group Leader Resources

1. Leader Training Packet
2. Pre-approved content for Study Groups
3. Content Approval Request Form
4. Directions to access the Sermon Discussion Guide

You can access the Home Group Leader Resources at  
<https://myhomechurch.live/leaderresources>



## NEXT STEPS

1. Resubmit the Home Group Leader Form by **Sunday, April 12th**, and click “Yes, I have previously completed training” to complete the rest of the form.
  - A list of approved content can be found at <https://www.myhomechurch.live/leaderresources>
2. Start recruiting people for your group.
3. Your group information will be shared at the Home Group Kickoff following all three services on **Sunday, April 26th**.

*If you have any additional questions, please send them to*  
***miranda@myhomechurch.live***



## FAQs

**1. I want to lead a group for whatever the church needs. Can I do that?**

- *Absolutely! After all the Home Group Leader forms are submitted, we will know what other groups, if any, we would like to see offered.*

**2. I want to lead, but I don't want to lead at my house. Do I have to?**

- *That's okay! We suggest meeting in a public place (coffee shop, park, gym).*

**3. Can I attend other groups?**

- *That's up to you! We encourage Home Group Leaders to make their group the priority. Be careful not to spread yourself thin.*

**4. Can people who don't attend the church attend my Home Group?**

- *Absolutely! This is extremely encouraged. We believe Home Groups are another on-ramp to get people plugged into the Home Church body.*

**5. Do I have to provide food?**

- *No! Feel free to do a meal collection if the group will be providing food, or have people volunteer to bring food.*

**6. Is childcare available?**

- *Some groups allow children, some groups do not. Please specify how your group will handle children.*

