

6. You will be a part of something much bigger than yourself.

Small Groups make a big difference! All around the globe today, God is using Small Groups to build His Kingdom. Small Groups have been part of God's plan to build His Church from the very beginning. Consider these verses:

*"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Every day they continued to meet together ...they broke bread together **in their homes** ... And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." Acts 2:42,44,46-47*

*"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 Christ." Acts 5:42*

*"You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and **from house to house**." Acts 20:20*

*"Aquila and Priscilla greet you warmly in the Lord, and so does the church that meets **at their house**." 1 Cor. 16:19*

*"Give my greetings ... to Nympha and **the church in her house**." Col. 4:15*

Small groups really do make a big difference! They can make a big difference in your own life, and they make a big difference in God's plan for His kingdom.

Small groups are at the center of God's vision for our church. *Catch the vision and be a part of something that will make a difference of eternal significance!*

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Why Small Groups Make a Big Difference!

There are at least six good reasons why small groups can make a big difference for you!

1. You will experience the love and care of being a part of God's family.

Over 50 times in the New Testament the phrase "one another" is used to describe the relationship believers in the family of God are to have with one another. We are commanded to "love one another", "pray for one another", "encourage one another", "care for one another", "bear one another's burdens", etc. *In small groups we are able to express genuine love and care for one another.*

One of the comments that is expressed over and over again by those participating in a small group is how close members of the group feel toward one another. They pray for one another. Often, members in the group will telephone to check-up on each other during the week. When illnesses or physical needs occur, the group responds with food or other assistance to help care for those needs. Many enjoy participating together in family



and social events and activities. In small groups, relationships and friendships develop that last for a life-time.

2. You will grow in your understanding of God's Word.

D. L. Moody said, *"The Scriptures were not given for our information, but for our transformation."*

In a Small Group you will participate in discussing the Scriptures with others, have opportunity to ask personal questions, learn from the insights of others, and most important, challenge one another to live by the Book.

You will grow to understand first-hand the words of the Psalmist, *"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path."*

3. You will have a natural way to reach your friends, neighbors and family for Christ.

People who would never darken the door of the church may be willing to come to a Small Group in your home or work place. That is where authentic Christianity is on display. As unbelievers feel the warmth and love of a Small Group that cares for one another, they are more likely to be receptive to the Gospel message. Jesus said, *"They will know you are my disciples by your love for one another."* The Small Group is a very natural means for evangelism as we simply reach out to others and say, *"Come and see."*



4. You will be given opportunity to discover and meaningfully use your spiritual gifts and abilities.



Many people believe that they could never really be used by God in any significant way. Yet, the Bible tells us that every believer has been given at least one spiritual gift to be used for the building of God's kingdom. That is pretty significant. Unfortunately, many believers are ignorant concerning their spiritual gifts. Small Groups are a place where believers can discover their gifts and begin to put them into practice in very meaningful and significant ways. In a Small Group, you may discover gifts and abilities that you never knew you had!

5. You will develop a more meaningful prayer life.

Many people are hesitant when it comes to praying aloud in front of others. In a Small Group you will learn to pray conversationally with and for one another, though no one is ever forced. Conversational prayer is when a group simply talks to God together about the things that are on their hearts. This type of prayer comes naturally in groups as people share their lives with one another and relationships grow. Of course, there is tremendous excitement that comes when your group sees God answer specific requests that you have been praying for together. Enormous power and blessings result when Christians ban together and pray. In a Small Group, you will find that your prayer life will deepen and become more meaningful.