# **\*\***TREECITYGROUPS FAQ

## WHY GROUPS EXIST?

At Tree City Church we value Identity, Serving, and Multiplication. We believe the best way to accomplish our values as a church is through Groups. Groups allow us to be formed more and more into the image of Christ and the mission of God.

## WHAT IS THE GROUPS WIN?

The win of a Group is to provide everyone the opportunity to pursue authentic community and spiritual growth. The ultimate win for a Group is when a Group multiplies. We want Groups to develop Facilitators and Hosts within their Group to be sent to form another Group. This is one of the best ways we can grow both deep and wide as a church and accomplish our value of Multiplication.

# WHAT IS TREE CITY CHURCH'S PROCESS FOR INTEGRATING PEOPLE INTO GROUPS?

The primary way we integrate people into Groups is through our open enrollment periods and Groups Launch (September and January). Enrollment opens 4-6 weeks prior to our Groups Launch. During enrollment, individuals are encouraged to sign up for a Group or express interest in learning more about Groups. Enrollment closes after Groups Launch.

#### WHAT IS GROUPS LAUNCH?

The purpose of Groups Launch is two-fold: 1) Get integrated into a Group 2) Learn more about Groups. Groups Launch is an event hosted by Tree City Church Staff and Facilitators where Members will come to meet their Facilitator and other Group Members who have joined their Group. If an individual shows up who is not a part of a Group yet, they will have an opportunity to join a Group that night.

## WHAT IS A GROUP?

Groups are made up of eight to twelve individuals who meet in homes. Groups are where people have the opportunity to pursue authentic community and spiritual growth. Groups are provided an initial study from the church.

## WHAT DO GROUPS DO?

Groups commit to spending a specific amount of time together for authentic community and spiritual growth. A great Group includes time for both relational connection and studies that challenge members to grow spiritually. A typical Group meeting will consist of social time, study, and prayer.

# HOW OFTEN DO GROUPS MEET?

Groups typically meet about three times per month for 1.5 to 2 hours. Most Groups take breaks during the holidays and summer.

## WHERE DO GROUPS MEET?

Most Groups meet in homes.

## HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?

Group registration happens online twice a year, in January and August. When it opens, you'll have the opportunity to sign up for the Group.

## HOW DO YOU PROMOTE THE ENROLLMENT PERIOD?

We primarily promote through email, social media, in-service announcements, videos, and promo cards.

# WHAT IF I MISSED THE ENROLLMENT PERIOD?

We offer a number of short-term classes that meet between four to eight weeks depending on the topic. For a list of our upcoming discipleship classes, visit our website www.treecitychurch.com.

# WHAT IF MY GROUP IS NOT THE BEST FIT FOR ME?

We want to provide gracious entry and exits within Groups. We know not every Group is going to be the best fit the first time. We encourage you to commit to at least three meetings before making up your mind. If a Group is not a good fit for you, it is ok to try a different Group.

