

What are Growth Groups?

Welcome to LakeView's Growth Groups! We are so excited that you have chosen to take this step in growing in your faith with fellow believers!

What are Growth Groups? When Jesus was on earth, he had his group of the twelve apostles. Many churches create small groups that relate to this size. Maybe you've been a part of one in the past. The 12-15 people sized group can accomplish a lot. But, within the group of twelve, Jesus had an inner circle that consisted of Peter, James, and John. This inner circle is more what we are aiming for with Growth Groups.

LakeView's Growth Groups are generally 3-6 people, with an absolute maximum of 8. Your group should already be this size. We intend for you to meet weekly for an hour, though you are free to meet longer. You can meet wherever is convenient - a home, coffee shop, restaurant, park, or wherever else you find best. This is the first of ten weeks in this short-term group. We will dive into the gospel and the church before hitting what we call the Six Fundamentals - six fundamental principles of what it means to follow Christ coming from Acts 2:42-47.

By the end of ten weeks, this group will dissolve by default. Maybe you'll find that this is a good group of people to continue to meet with, but this is not the intended goal. By the end of ten weeks, you should be ready to either join a group of people you've met at LakeView, or form your own group. So, as we begin this journey, start to think about who you could be in a Growth Group with at the end of this short-term group. The best way to meet people at LakeView is to serve. If you aren't part of a serving team already, I encourage you to join a team.

Once you begin a long-term group, we will be providing materials to watch, read, listen to, etc. that are meant to be a short moment of teaching that leads into discussion of who God is and where he is at work in your life, similar to this video here. We always will have a time of prayer as well. It's important to not just know other people with faith, but to experience our faith with others.

As an introductory week, here's a couple of questions to answer with your group:

- What brought you to LakeView?
- How long have you been a Christian?
- Why were you interested in a Growth Group?
- How do you hope to grow in your faith?