

Small Groups Kickoff 2025

Examples of Small Groups in the New Testament

Opening Prayer:

Please take time to pray as a group. Pray for our church, for the kingdom, for one another, and for anything else that God lays on your heart. Also, ask God to open hearts and minds to His Word and guide your discussion.

Key Takeaways:

1. Small groups are biblically-based and were practiced by Jesus and the early church.
2. Small groups provide connection, support, and spiritual growth opportunities.
3. They complement large corporate worship gatherings with more intimate fellowship.
4. Small groups are essential for church health and individual spiritual well-being.

Discussion Questions:

1. Pastor Joel mentioned four examples of small group ministry in the New Testament. Which one stood out to you most and why?
2. Jesus had a small group of 12 disciples. How does this impact your view on the importance of small groups?
3. The sermon highlighted how small groups were vital during the COVID-19 pandemic. Have you experienced the benefits of small group connection during challenging times?
4. How do you think participating in a small group could enhance your Sunday worship experience?
5. The pastor said, "Small groups are the living room of our church." What does this metaphor mean to you?
6. What hesitations or obstacles have you faced in joining or committing to a small group?
7. How might sermon-based small groups help in applying Sunday's message to daily life?
8. The pastor emphasized accountability in small groups. How can we lovingly hold each other accountable in our spiritual walks?

Practical Applications:

1. If you're not in a small group, commit to visiting one in the next two weeks.

2. Consider practical ways that you can deepen your relationships and vulnerability within the group.
3. Reflect on how you can use your home as a ministry tool, perhaps by hosting a small group or fellowship gathering.
4. Practice taking notes during Sunday sermons to prepare for small group discussions.
5. Identify one area of your spiritual life where you need accountability and share it with a trusted group member.

Closing Prayer:

Thank God for the opportunity to connect in small groups. Ask for His guidance in applying the lessons learned and for the courage to commit to deeper community within the church.