



Your group matters.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

If you had to convince someone to try a unique ice cream flavor, what flavor would that be?

1. Which small groups have you been a part of and what has God taught you through them?
2. How has being part of a small group affected your relationship with Jesus and others?
3. Read [Acts 2:46-47](#) and [Acts 5:42](#). Whom should you invite to your small group to begin sharing life and the teachings of Jesus with?
4. Pastor Aaron says that small groups multiply by having, "Spiritual learning and growth - creating a place where you can ask questions, figure things out and take next steps." What have you been wrestling with in your faith and what should your next step be?
5. How can you help Riverside multiply by taking a step to engage in Jesus' model of growing, multiplying, and strengthening the church through Small Groups? Inviting? Attending? Leading? Coaching?

Day One: [Psalm 50](#)

Day Two: [Proverbs 19](#)

Day Three: [1 Samuel 1](#)

Day Four: [Isaiah 50](#)

Day Five: [Acts 22](#)

This Personal Guide has been adapted from Professor Grant Horner's Bible Reading System.

PERSONAL GUIDE



RIVERSIDE CHURCH



MULTIPLY

"GETTING SMALL TO GROW LARGE"
JULY 2, 2023

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MESSAGE NOTES

"Getting Small to Grow Large"

Pastor Aaron Andrews

Having _____ church with multiple campuses while being one family is called _____.

Riverside Church exists to reach _____ and help them to become fully devoted _____ of Jesus Christ.

1. What Do Small Groups Look Like at Riverside?

- a. _____ specific
- b. Message-_____
- c. Any Jesus follower can lead
- d. Leaders have _____
- e. Core discipleship structure
- f. _____ Groups (DivorceCare, GriefShare, The Marriage Course, Alpha, Life Recovery, Financial Peace University)
- g. We are a church _____ Small Groups, not a church _____ small groups

Why do we believe so strongly in the _____ of growing through Small Groups?

We believe that Small Groups are a Biblical Model!

2. Jesus' Model of Ministry Was a Large Group/ Small Group Model

- a. He spoke to large groups of people ([Matthew 4:23-25](#), Sermon on the Mount; [Matthew 5-7](#))
 - i. [Mark 1:45-2:2](#) (Healed a leper; crowds followed wherever He went)
 - ii. [Luke 9:10-11](#) (Feeding of the 5,000)
- b. Jesus took the time for small groups of people as well, investing in them at a _____ level
 - i. [Matthew 10:1-4](#) (The _____ disciples)

3. _____ ' Church Model Utilized Large and Small Groups

- a. Jesus is gone, the disciples, now apostles, have been commissioned in [Matthew 28:18-20](#) to reach the whole world, how is this going to happen?
 - b. Large Group
 - i. [Acts 1:12-15](#) (120)
 - ii. [Acts 2:1-8, 14, 40-41](#) (Day of Pentecost..._____)
 - iii. [Acts 5:12-16](#) (Signs/Wonders/Crowds of people!)
 - c. Small Group
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 - ii. [Acts 5:42](#)
 - iii. The rest of the book is sprinkled with references of public speaking and teaching as well as being in homes and small settings, more like our small groups.
 - d. Bottom line..._____! We're here and the Good News of Jesus is still being preached, taught and applied in large venues, medium-sized venues, and in small groups around the globe!
- So _____...why Small Groups?

4. Small Groups _____!

- a. Spiritual and Social _____ - doing life with one another.
- b. _____ and Practical Care - groups are our first level of care at Riverside.
- c. Spiritual Learning and Growth - creating a place where you can ask questions, figure things out and take next steps.

5. Where Are You When it Comes to Small Groups?

- a. On board and engaged?
- b. Doubtful and unsure?
- c. Why should I try a group?
- d. What step will you take to engage in Jesus' model of growing and strengthening the church through Small Groups today?

Tell someone about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey! Let us know, too, and fill out our connect/next step card (digital* or hard copies).

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