

FAMILY HOME GROUPS

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Family Home Groups?

YES!

What would you think about being in a home group with your whole family?

It may seem like a novel idea, but many churches have had groups like this for years. Now we are forming family home groups at Grace Church! We hope to have several groups this coming year as a part of our family ministry.

Why family home groups?

It is a great way to pass on the faith multi-generationally and teach, disciple and nurture the ones God has given us to shepherd!

What is a family home group like?

We do everything an adult group does with two additional elements:

1. all ages are together for spiritual growth and encouragement, and
2. families become their own “mini small group” within the home group for prayer and discussion.

As part of a family home group you will enjoy Bible study, prayer, fellowship and accountability with all ages involved

Each family sits together. (Extra benefit: There is no need for childcare for younger families!) Your whole family will hear young and old alike pray, read and discuss Scripture. It is a microcosm of the body of Christ in action - sharing our lives and God’s Word together. We start with prayer and teaching the Word, then break into family groups, then break for refreshments and time for children and youth to visit with one another and time for the men and women to meet separately for sharing/prayer.

This opportunity to grow spiritually together multi-generationally is not easy and it won’t look “perfect”. Neither was the feeding and teaching of the 5000! These groups can be a great complement to daily family devotional/worship times and worshipping together in church. May God be loved and disciples made through this process, all to the glory of God!