

The power of BANDing together

Connection is extremely important. Jesus changed the world by forming deep relationships with a few people who would then carry on His work beyond His earthly life. He even said that the very credibility of His life and message in the eyes of unbelievers would be dependent upon the way His followers relate to each other (see John 17).

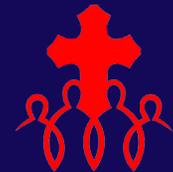
John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, used small groups to forge connections that changed the lives of thousands of people in England in the 1700s. His system of connecting people with God and each other spread all over the world and made its way to the United States when our country was just getting started.

You are invited to engage in deeper connection by being a part of a BAND.



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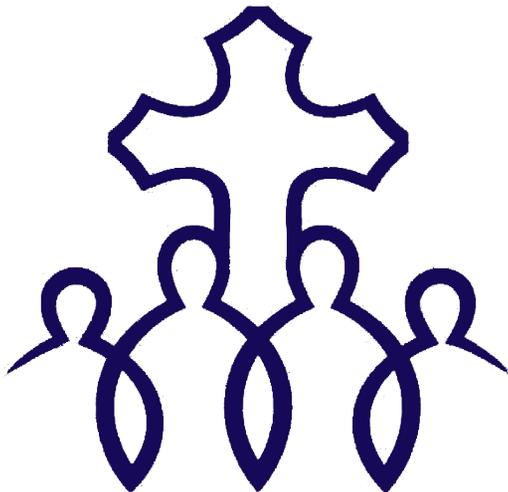


What is a BAND?

A band is a group of people who meet regularly with the purpose of growing in their faith together. You may choose to BAND together with others in three different ways:

1) Micro Group: A micro group is three-four people who will meet regularly throughout the year to support and care for one another. Meet whenever works best for those in your group. Suggested time is no less than one hour.

2) Home Group: A home group consists of eight-12 people who will meet weekly in homes during the season of Lent for study and discussion. The group will continue with monthly dinner gatherings until late fall, when the members will get together weekly for another short study.



3) Marketplace Group: Marketplace groups are small groups of people who are all in the workforce and meet regularly to focus on bridging faith and work.

I want to be in a BAND. How do I begin?

Begin by asking others to join you. These can be people you've known a long time or someone you've just recently met but whom you would like to know better. Perhaps it's someone who is new to Parkway Heights, and you know he or she needs a place to connect. Or maybe it's someone with whom you work or lives near you. Think of some people, extend the invitation and then figure out a time, place and frequency to meet.

How long should a BAND meeting last?

Ninety minutes is a good rule of thumb, but the suggestion is to meet no less than one hour. Some BANDS will choose to meet weekly. Others might meet bi-weekly. You can meet over breakfast, lunch, before work, after work...whatever works best for your

group. Get creative and have fun! Just make time to learn, share and pray together.

What should we do during our BAND meetings?

The church can provide resources for your group. Just let us know when you have formed your group, and we will help you access the resources you need. Marketplace groups will have specific study guides that will focus on integrating faith and work. You can also access tons of great studies via RightNow Media*. (It's like Netflix for curriculum and studies.)

I am interested in leading a group. Is there training for me?

Yes! We will be holding training sessions for those involved in starting a group. If you miss a regularly scheduled group training, you can always connect with Bruce Case (brucecase@parkwayheights.org) or Susan Eaton (susaneaton@parkwayheights.org). We will be happy to equip and resource you to confidently lead.

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