

## **GROWTH GROUPS**

### **What is a Growth Group and what is the purpose?**

It is a group of people (usually of similar age or life experience or interest) who meet together on a regular basis; usually every other week, to connect in meaningful relationships, to experience and model authentic community, to study the Bible or a great book, fellowship, be accountable, pray, and serve together. (And did we mention eat, laugh, and enjoy each other?)

### **Why join a Growth Group?**

- ✓ A growth group provides a natural and easy context in which to grow in your faith alongside other Christians.
- ✓ You will pray for others and be prayed for.
- ✓ You will develop deeper friendships.
- ✓ You will be supported in times of crisis and change, or difficulty.

Our growth groups take many forms in order to meet the varied needs, time constraints, geographical areas, family needs, etc. within our congregation. New groups are created as leaders emerge and needs are identified.

### **Not quite convinced?**

If you're not quite convinced about why you would need something besides the Sunday services, read on!

- ✓ You will have the encouragement and insights of others.
- ✓ You will be a part of something bigger than just yourself.
- ✓ You can share on a whole different level...health concerns, kid issues, marriage concerns, job concerns, and have others support and pray for you. You won't be alone in your walk with Jesus.
- ✓ You will be able to make a difference in someone else's life!

***Being part of a small group gives us a chance to be  
part of a community of people who know us,  
and love us anyway!!***

### **OK, I'll try it out. How can I join a growth group?**

Yes! We'd LOVE to have you! If you are interested in **joining** a growth group, contact Lois Shellrude, Pastor of Adult Discipleship and Missions.

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