

D-Group Guidelines

What is a D-Group?

A D-Group is a small group of people (3-5 counting the leader) of the same gender who will meet together weekly (Sunday nights at 6). The purpose of a D-Group is to make disciples who will then go on to make disciples. It is not a “lesson” or a “devotion” in the sense that it’s lead by the leader in a teacher-student format. It is simply a group of people coming together to share what God has been teaching them as they read the Word of God. The goal of a D-Group is to foster community, accountability, and multiplication. Once the D-Group ends, the goal is for those in the group to split up and seek out their own groups to reach more people.

How can students find a D-Group?

If students are interested in a D-Group, they can either let Bro. Greg know and he can help the student find a group and a leader, or the student can seek out other students that they would like to be in their D-Group.

Why is a D-Group only 3-5 people?

Accountability works really well in smaller settings. The more people that are involved in a group setting, the more likely some people are to just blend in and not find community or accountability. The goal of growing in the Lord and finding accountability works best in smaller groups.

Where, when, and how often do D-Groups meet?

First Baptist Students will have the opportunity to meet at 6 PM on Sunday Nights at the church if they want to. The student ministry is opening up that time frame for students to use each week. However, should a D-Group want to meet at 6 PM on Sunday nights at a restaurant, coffee shop, or someone’s home, that is perfectly fine. Should a D-Group want to meet on another night during the week, as long it is works for everyone in the group, that is perfectly fine as well.

As to how often groups should meet, the goal is every week. D-Groups will run with the normal school calendar, which means they will take place in the fall and in the spring. There are some Sunday nights that our church doesn’t have service, so *ideally*, D-Groups would either still meet that night somewhere else or try to find a time during the week to meet.

What if students can’t always make it to D-Group?

Things come up from time to time that are completely unavoidable such as family emergencies and other things in everyday life. However, the point of D-Groups is to put students into a *rigorous* form of discipleship making in order to maximize growth with God and making other disciples. In other words, it’s a **commitment**. Missing because of unavoidable things is much different than just getting put out with meeting and reading God’s Word. If that type of commitment is not what you are seeking, D-Groups may not be what you are looking for.

What do D-Group meetings look like?

D-Groups will start with prayer and prayer requests. There will be a brief time of each person sharing the highs and lows of their week. The rest of the time will be committed to quoting the memory verse, sharing what God taught the student as they read Foundations (students will be encouraged to use the HEAR journals in Foundations), and other accountability questions. HEAR stands for Highlight, Explain, Apply, and Respond.