

# D-Group FAQ

## **What is a D-Group?**

A D-group is a gender specific closed group of 3 to 5 **believers** (including the leader) who meet weekly for accelerated spiritual transformation.

While life groups exist for community growth, D-Groups are an avenue for Christians striving to personal grow deeper with Christ. It is not evangelistic in nature, but purely for discipleship.

## **Who leads D-Groups?**

A leader of a D-Group has one requirement: that they are intentionally pursuing Christ. They do not need to have all the answers; they only need to lead students closer and more seriously towards Christ.

Our hope is that we have a variety of leaders in different stages of life. We plan to have college students invest in our younger students, but I want adults to help mentor and lead our older students. (Depending on our leader turnout, I would love to have some D-Groups for D-Group leaders.

## **What does a D-Group Leader commitment look like?**

We ask leaders to agree to meet once a week with their group of students because we want the leader and students to create authentic relationships. If leaders can not lead a D-Group one week, we need them to contact Cameron, so they he can have someone to fill in for their weekly meet up.

## **How will we choose D-Groups?**

We will have students sign up online and in person towards then end of summer to get involved. We will pair students before the year starts, and we will consider a lot of factors such as personalities, friendships, schedule, leadership, etc.

## **How many students will be in a D-Group?**

The ideal size for a D-Group is 3 to 5 including the leader because if you add more and more students, you lose the closeness of students. We also do not want D-groups to be one on one as well.

## **When will D-Groups meet?**

We will plan on having a set time on Sunday Nights for our middle school D-Groups because younger students are dependent on their parents. We will also plan to have several high school D-Groups on Sunday nights as well because it is a time that many students have free. If some students cannot commit to Sunday nights, we will create options for students to meet on other mornings and nights of the week.

## **Where will D-Groups meet?**

We will plan to have several D-Groups meet at the church, but we ask D-Groups who meet off campus to meet in public places. We do not want to put our leaders in a compromising position.

## **Is there an attendance requirement?**

Yes, and it is not negotiable. Students will be required to sign a covenant to show their dedication to being disciplined. I take a “three strikes and you are out” mindset, but D-Groups are designed to disciple students are showing they have a motivation to grow deeper with Christ and their peers. If they do take the program seriously, we will remove them from a D-Group, but we will always give students chances to mature and try again.

## **Are D-Groups open to unbeliever?**

D-Groups are for believer growing in their faith, and we should remind and push to get unbelievers involved in our life-groups first before entering a D-Group. Like our discipleship process shows, students must know Christ before they can fully be invested in by our D-Groups.

### **Can student invite students to join their D-Groups?**

They can, but it is mandatory that these newly added students are confessing Christians and have signed the discipleship covenant.

### **What is the end goal of D-groups?**

Our goal of developing D-Groups is that students create relationships with leaders in our church and grow rapidly in their Christian walk; however, we hope that students will eventually lead their peers below them. We want high schoolers to mentor middle schoolers, college students to mentor high schoolers, and for adults to mentor college students. We want to create disciples who create disciples.