

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOUSE GROUPS

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## **Q: Why join a House Group?**

A: Christianity is meant to be done together in community. It's not meant to simply be in a large community, but also in a small community where people actually know each other well (Acts 2:42; 5:42). We desire that people don't feel lost in the crowd at Renovation Church, but feel a part of a community. House Groups provide a place where people can develop deep friendships, encourage one another, grow, and serve God together. House Groups are a major part of Renovation Church. In fact, around 80% of our adults are in a House Group!

## **Q: What's a typical night look like?**

A: The first half of the night is spent in a large group (20-30 people) and is run by the "House Leader." Large group activities include: socializing, eating snacks, announcements, community builders, hearing faith stories, and more. The teaching each week is done by our pastor, David Sorn, via video. We study the same topic that was taught on Sunday morning, but go into more depth and application. The last half of the night is spent in same gender small groups of anywhere from 4 - 7 people. This is an opportunity to dig deeper not only into the Bible, but also to apply the topic to one another's lives. The night concludes with prayer in small groups.

## **Q: When and where do they meet?**

A: We currently have eight House Groups that meet at the following times:

- House Group #1: Sundays @ 6:30-8:00pm.
- House Group #2: Sundays @ 6:30-8:00pm.
- House Group #3: Mondays @ 7:00-8:30pm.
- House Group #4: Tuesdays @ 7:00-8:30pm.
- House Group #5: Tuesdays @ 7:00-8:30pm.
- House Group #6: Wednesdays @ 7:00-8:30pm.
- House Group #7: Wednesdays @ 7:00-8:30pm.
- House Group #8: Thursdays @ 7:00-8:30pm.

All of our house groups are in Blaine or very near to it. If you would like a map with directions, stop by the House Groups table on a Sunday morning or go to the House Groups page on our website.

## **Q: What sort of people come to a house group?**

A: We have all sorts of different people in our House Groups. Many people are seeking God for the first time or just starting out in their faith. There are also many people who have been walking with God for a long time. We believe that true Christian community is comprised of people of all ages who are in all different stages of their faith. This is how growth truly happens.

**Q: Why do House Groups have 20-30 people? Aren't church small groups usually 6-12 people?**

A: Many people never sign up for small groups if there are 6-12 people because it's too intimidating to join a group that small and hope that you all become good friends. House Groups allows you to meet a wide and diverse group of people, but also allows for you to naturally find a small group of people within the house that you feel comfortable going deeper with.

We also believe that people are longing more and more for "small churches" where they can actually know people. A House Group provides you with a "small church" of 25 or so people that you can know well, serve with, grow with, and be cared for.

**Q: What about childcare?**

A: We offer House Groups free of charge, but for some, joining a House Group will also require some financial sacrifice — the cost of childcare. While some families share a sitter, or swap childcare with another family that attends a different group, most end up paying for their own babysitter. We realize this adds up. Many of our leaders have kids too! But, we also believe it's one of the best investments you can make in your child's future. There's nothing more important to your child's spiritual growth than you as a parent growing in your faith and making spiritual commitments a top priority.

We do, however, allow mothers to bring their newborns to house groups (up to 6 months old.)

**Q: Can I try more than one group?**

A: Yep! In fact, it's common at Renovation Church for people to try more than one House Group before they pick a house that best fits them. Often, when they pick a house group, people even try multiple small groups within the house as they search to find the best fit. Ultimately, we want you to feel comfortable with the people in your group.

**Q: Do the groups do anything else?**

A: House Groups are really the lifeline for social interaction in our church. Many people have developed close friends from House Groups and hang out outside of church and their House Group. Our House Groups also participate in our ministry called "Provide" a few times a year by bringing food to those in need.

**Q: When can I join one, and how do I sign up?**

A: House Groups run from September – May. While a ton of people sign up in September, many people sign up during the year as well. New people are joining all the time! The groups are quite accustomed to having new people join. If you are interested in joining a House Group, stop by our House Groups table on a Sunday morning, and one of our house leaders will give you advice on which group might be the best for you, provide you with a map/directions, and answer any other questions you might have. Or, you can sign-up on our website or through the Renovation Church app.

