



Creekside groups

LEADER GUIDE

WHY CREEKSIDER GROUPS?

Creekside Groups are where people experience authentic community. They are places to grow in faith, build meaningful friendships, pray together, serve others, and do life together.

The early church modeled this kind of community in Acts 2:42–47, gathering regularly in homes to worship, learn, encourage one another, and care for each other. Creekside Groups continue that same mission today.

Our vision is simple:

- Grow in your relationship with Christ.
 - Build authentic relationships.
 - Care for one another.
 - Invite others into community.
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WAYS TO LEAD

Choose the type of group that best fits your life:

Ongoing Group

Meets year-round with breaks determined by the leader.

Short-Term Group

Runs for a specific number of weeks with a clear beginning and ending.

Existing Relationships

Turn your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or ministry team into a Creekside Group.

GROUP SEASONS

Most groups meet for 5–9 weeks during one of our seasonal sessions:

- **Fall** – September
- **Winter** – February
- **Spring** – May

Leaders may also choose to continue meeting between sessions.

LEADER QUALIFICATIONS

Creekside Group leaders should:

- Be growing in their relationship with Christ.
- Agree with Creekside's Statement of Beliefs.
- Live a lifestyle that reflects biblical values.
- Be willing to facilitate discussion and prayer.
- Participate in a Creekside Group before leading whenever possible.

LEADER EXPECTATIONS

As a Group Leader you will:

- Prepare for each meeting.
- Create a welcoming environment.
- Lead discussion, not lecture.
- Pray with and for your group.
- Stay connected with your Group Mentor.
- Attend one annual Leader Huddle.
- Keep your group information updated through Church Community Builder (ChMs).
- Identify and encourage future leaders.

CREATING A GREAT GROUP

Be Prepared

Review the lesson & discussion guide before each meeting.

Be Hospitable

Create a warm, welcoming environment where everyone feels comfortable.

Be Authentic

People connect with honesty, not perfection.

Encourage Participation

Ask questions, listen well, and make room for everyone to contribute.

Protect the Group

Maintain confidentiality and foster a culture free from gossip, criticism, or division.

SUGGESTED MEETING FORMAT (90 MIN)

Welcome & Fellowship – 10 minutes

Opening Prayer – 5 minutes

Scripture / Video / Discussion – 45–60 minutes

Prayer & Care – 15 minutes

Keep meetings on time and end with prayer.

GROUP GUIDELINES

- Respect one another.
- Keep conversations confidential.
- Everyone participates, no one dominates.
- Stay focused on Christ and Scripture.
- Avoid political debates, business promotions, and gossip.
- Practice grace, love, and encouragement.

CREEKSIDE LEADER SUPPORT

As a Creekside Group Leader, you can expect:

- Leader training and coaching
- Curriculum and discussion resources
- Promotion through the church website, app, and social media
- Ongoing encouragement from the Creekside Groups Team

NEXT STEPS

- ✓ Complete the Group Information form.
- ✓ Complete your CCB training.
- ✓ Invite people to join your group.
- ✓ Pray, prepare, and launch your Creekside Group.

LEADER RESOURCE PAGE

Scan the QR code to access the Creekside Groups Leader Resource Page. You'll be able to submit your Group Information Form, access leader training and resources, learn how to manage your group through the Lead App/CCB, and find helpful tools to support you as you build community and lead your group.



**"THEY DEVOTED THEMSELVES TO THE APOSTLES' TEACHING AND TO FELLOWSHIP,
TO THE BREAKING OF BREAD AND TO PRAYER." – ACTS 2:42**