

Life Groups Bible Studies

...great places
to connect with others
and grow spiritually

Ready to take the **next step** of connecting to a small group? Here's what we have to offer...

Life Groups are small groups of folks who get together regularly to encourage each other along the spiritual journey. We hang out, share a meal or just a cup of coffee and dessert as we get to know each other and learn about following Jesus. We'll do a Bible study or a Bible-based book study, pray for each other and even put our faith into action by serving others. Most Life Groups meet at the church on Sunday evenings, but some meet at other places or other times during the week.

Bible Study Groups are small groups that focus their attention on doing Bible study together, but always with practical life application. We get together on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings.

To make it easy to connect, we provide open group sign-ups twice during the year: In January for the Winter-Spring semester, and in August-September for the Fall semester. Most groups are open to new folks at any time, but during the semester you may wish to contact the group leader for more info.

Here's how you can get plugged in...

- 1 Check out the **Life Groups** and **Bible Studies** described in this brochure. If you need more information about a group, please email the church office at churchoffice@opendoorbible.org.
- 2 Pray for the Lord's guidance as you consider which group to connect with.
- 3 Sign up in the lobby during the weeks of sign-up. The **Group** leader will then contact you to confirm your choice and provide any details.

If you need help selecting a **Group** or would like more info, please email Pastor Mike at mike@opendoorbible.org.

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growing.
together.

WINTER-SPRING 2017

Childcare and Kids Ministries are available for all our Bible Study and Life Groups unless stated otherwise.

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

The Parables of Jesus *Sundays, 9:30 am*
John Southwell *KZW Rm 17*
During His earthly ministry, Jesus went about preaching and teaching, often using parables. We will be taking a closer look at each these parables.

Revelation *Sundays, 9:30 am*
Joe Rondeau *Church Office*
This semester we will be taking a closer look the last book of the Bible, Revelation.

Romans *Wednesdays, 6:30 pm*
Gary Weaber & Mike Fidler *KZW Room 17*
This semester we're continuing the study of Paul's letter to the Romans.

GENERAL LIFE GROUPS

These topical Groups are open to anyone - men, women or couples - based on interest. All share a meal within their groups.

Common Bond *Sundays, 5:00 pm*
Gary & Chris Weaber *KZW Room 17*
Alex & Heather Medlin
This group is for couples that are roughly 20-35 seeking to build meaningful relationships, mutual support and spiritual growth. We'll place a special emphasis on growing in marriage closeness this semester.

Faith, Fun & Family *Sundays, 5:00 pm*
Mike Fidler *Elem Rm 10 & 11*
We'll be hosting a family life group, comprised of 1st-6th graders and their parents. We'll spend time together to pray, study, serve and play as families. No cost. There will be a weekly potluck meal. Younger kids will still go to the nursery and youth will go to the youth events. At least one parent must participate in order for the kids to come.

Spiritual Foundations *Sundays, 5:00 pm*
John Southwell *Elem Room 9*
Most people think of God's will as something to be found or as the receiving of guidance from God when making decisions. We will dive into David Benner's book, *Desiring God's Will* and explore the transformation of the will in Christian spirituality. Cost \$10.

1st, 2nd & 3rd John *Sundays, 5:00 pm*
Rob & Susan Thomson *Hoffman Home*
Tim Steed
This group is designed for anyone in the mid-life years, but is open to all. This semester we're be looking at 1, 2 & 3 John.

MEN'S GROUPS

Revelation *Mondays, 6:00 pm*
Rich Gideons *Room 9*
Tommy Attaway Jr.

A great place for men to connect, share life, study the Word, and pray for one another. This semester we're continuing our study in the book of Revelation. Childcare not provided.

Men's Bible Study Methods *Thursdays, 6:00 am*
Mike Fidler *Church Office*

How do you read your bible? This group is an instructional study of how to become a better student of the Word. We will be looking at the book of Galatians. Always open to newcomers. Childcare not provided. Continues January 5.

WOMEN'S GROUPS

Genesis *Tuesdays, 9:00 am*
Kay Smallwood *KZW Room 17*
Diane Rowe

This semester we will be continuing our study of the Book of Genesis. No books necessary other than your Bible. Childcare provided.

Prayer *Tuesdays, 7:00 pm*
Chris Weaber *Weaber Home*

A study in Prayer: We will be looking at the discipline of prayer and studying some of the prayers found in the Old and New Testament. We will have opportunities to practice what we are learning during group time. Childcare not provided.

Philippians *Wednesdays, 6:30 pm*
JoAnn Touchstone *Room 16*
Haylee Sowell

Oasis is a mid-week group for women of all ages to connect with other women on a pursuit to follow Christ! This semester we will be working through Philippians using "Knowing Jesus, Knowing Joy: A Study of Philippians" by Melanie Newton. This is a free study that can be downloaded and printed from bible.org. Begins January 4.

FINANCIAL CLASS

Financial Peace University *Wednesdays, 6:30 pm*
Kurt Nixon *Elem Rm 10 & 11*
No matter where you are with your money, this nine-week class will teach you to create a budget, pay off debt, spend and save wisely, and so much more! We all need a plan for our money, this plan works! Cost is \$40.

YOUTH GROUPS

Names of God *Sundays, 9:30 am*
Josh Loughmiller *Youth Rooms 1 & 2*
Sam Allen

YBS 1 is for grades 7-9, YBS 2 is for grades 10-12. This semester, both classes will look at the different Names of God.

Living Free *Sundays, 5:00 pm*
SNL Youth Leaders *Youth Room*

Walking in the freedom that Christ offers is a choice we make every day. We will discuss daily decisions, actions, and beliefs that impact our ability to truly walk in freedom with the Holy Spirit as our guide. Community, fun, and meal included.

JUST FOR FUN

Boot Camp *Tuesdays, 5:45 pm*
Rich Gideons *Thursdays, 5:45 pm*
Angela Gideons *Saturdays, 9:00 am*
Parking Lot

Join us for a safe and fun workout. All you need is a set of dumbbells and an exercise mat. It's a free group fitness class where you can find accountability and joy in working out.

Pickleball *Saturdays, 8:00 am*
Wanda McLarty *Behind the office*
Pickleball is a fun, low-impact sport for all ages. It's a racquet sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis and ping pong and can be played by 2-4 players per team.

KID STUFF

Just 4 Kicks and Zone 56
Just 4 Kicks (1-4 grade) and Zone 56 (5-6 grade) will be taking a break this semester so the kids can participate in the Faith, Fun & Family Life Group.

Child Care *As Needed*
Kay Smallwood (426-3545)
For those participating in Life Groups, our childcare staff provides excellent, loving care for your children at the church, free of charge Sunday & Wednesday evenings and Sunday & Tuesday morning.