

LIFE LINES SMALL GROUPS AT TRINITY FELLOWSHIP

What a Small Group Looks Like

A small number of people associated with the local church acting as a support group aid in the living out of the healthy Christian life. These individuals communicate as confidants. They are committed to the group to be in attendance if at all possible. This is a priority in each individual's scheduling to the extent that the meeting time will be changed, if necessary, to accommodate all members. There are no more than eight to ten people in the group that meet regularly for fellowship both spiritually and relationally. Occasionally various other outings or activities may be scheduled.

The Process of Getting Involved

A successful small group means that not only are the group members growing together spiritually, but that they have bonded together and are accountable to one another, forming a stable and committed relationship within the church. The small group task force encourages the church's regular attendees to participate in such a group. This does not necessarily come about quickly and may take two, three, or even four months to be formed. If you would like to be part of such a group, please fill out the attached profile (either individually or as a couple) so that the best can be done to place you in a group with compatible needs and desires. We will be in contact with you.

Follow Up

We are interested in knowing how you feel about your involvement after the first three to four months and if you would like to continue your commitment to the group. If, at any time, circumstances are such that you can no longer be committed to the group, the leader and small group committee member should be notified. A member of the committee will be assigned to check in with your group and/or leader on a regular basis to see how things are proceeding.

Return the profile sheet to Trinity Fellowship, Attention: Small Group Committee, 15085 220th Ave., Big Rapids, MI 49307

Profile of Small Group Individual(s)

Date _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

E-Mail Address _____ Phone Number _____

Within each category, check all that are appropriate.

I am/We are

- Single, never married
- Single, divorced
- Widow/widower
- Engaged or expect to soon be married
- Married

My/Our age

- | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18 – 24 | <input type="checkbox"/> 21 – 30 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25 – 34 | <input type="checkbox"/> 31 – 40 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 35 – 44 | <input type="checkbox"/> 41 – 50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 45 – 54 | <input type="checkbox"/> 51 – 60 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 55 and up | <input type="checkbox"/> 61 and up |

I/We have

- no children
- preschooler(s)
- elementary age child(ren)
- middle schooler(s)
- high schooler(s)
- adult child(ren)

I/We prefer to be in a group

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> of approximately the same age range | <input type="checkbox"/> of all men |
| <input type="checkbox"/> of diverse ages | <input type="checkbox"/> of all women |
| <input type="checkbox"/> where I/we can mentor younger adults | <input type="checkbox"/> of both men & women |
| <input type="checkbox"/> where I/we can be mentored | <input type="checkbox"/> that includes children |

I/We prefer to be in a group of

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 people | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 to 6 people |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6 people | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 to 8 people |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8 people | <input type="checkbox"/> 8 to 10 people |

I am/We are willing and desire to meet with my/our group
____ weekly
____ every two weeks

My/Our schedule(s) best allow(s) me/us to meet these times

	Early a.m.	During day	Evening
Sunday	_____	_____	_____
Monday	_____	_____	_____
Tuesday	_____	_____	_____
Wednesday	_____	_____	_____
Thursday	_____	_____	_____
Friday	_____	_____	_____
Saturday	_____	_____	_____

I/We know for sure that these times are not good

	Early a.m.	During day	Evening
Sunday	_____	_____	_____
Monday	_____	_____	_____
Tuesday	_____	_____	_____
Wednesday	_____	_____	_____
Thursday	_____	_____	_____
Friday	_____	_____	_____
Saturday	_____	_____	_____

I/We can meet for

____ 1 hour ____ 2 hours ____ 2 – 3 hours

I/We would like our meetings

____ to include a meal or some food
____ to occasionally include a meal
____ to include a snack and/or beverage
____ to have no food or beverage

I am/We are, normally,

____ willing to host the group in my/our home on a rotating basis
____ willing to host the group in my/our home most, if not all, of the times
____ willing to host the group in my/our home as needed
____ wanting to meet at the ministry center
____ unwilling/unable to have the group meet at my/our home

I/We have had

- no experience in a small group
- limited experience in a small group
- considerable experience in a small group

I/We prefer the following spiritual format

	Participate in	Direct discussion on rotating basis	Willing to lead all of the time
Devotional	_____	_____	_____
Sermon discussion	_____	_____	_____
Book/Topic using commercial guide	_____	_____	_____
In-depth book-of- Bible study	_____	_____	_____

I/We consider myself/ourselves to be

- a new believer(s).
- a believer(s) for some time but not well grounded
- a new believer(s) but growing in my/our faith and firmly committed
- a believer for several or more years, steadfast in the faith
- not yet a believer that has confessed my sins to God and accepted His forgiveness

With regards to responsibility for the group, I am/we are

- willing to make sure meeting times are scheduled and provide sole leadership
- willing to cooperate in scheduling meetings and share in direction of discussions
- not ready or able to take on responsibilities

Please indicate any other information that would help the committee in getting you set up in a successful small group.
