



# Community Groups

## What they are

A more intimate gathering of people who call Park Community Church home.

The purpose of a community group is to offer a place of authentic, safe, and caring relationships. Groups will differ in what they do, study, and look like, but they will all strive to move towards a deeper understanding of God, self, and others.

Community group gatherings meet at a minimum of twice/month. During their gathering, they should have a time of fellowship, study, and prayer. (Eat together. Read together. Pray together.)

## What they are not

A community group is not a clique or a substitute for gathering with the entire church body.

Group members should continue to look for new people to meet and engage with those outside of their group.

Groups should not be a place just to share opinions and political ideas.

Groups should not try to change Park or the group to fit a personal idealism

## Group Member Expectations

- A desire to walk with Jesus in relationship with others
- Willingness to pursue intimacy, authenticity, and simplicity with God, self, and others
- Moving towards the mission, vision, and values of Park Community Church
- Regular church and group attendance
- Communication with group leaders about attendance
- Willingness to participate in group discussions

## Markers of Success

- A thriving community group will:
- enjoy being together
  - help each other walk with Jesus
  - make members feel seen, heard, loved, and known
  - grow in intimacy, authenticity, and simplicity with God, self, and others