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Small Groups consists of 3 - 12 individuals who meet to study the Bible, share life with others and serve God and others.

Small Groups are the primary place where believers build the "life together" friendships they desire and for which God created them. The best of relationships challenge us to think deeply about our lives and our relationship with God, our family and others. At Concord, we believe this type of relationship happens best in a small group.

What is the difference between Community Groups and "The Bridge" - Wednesday Night Experience?

The Community Groups are our small groups where members meet in the homes, restaurants and even Concord campus.

"The Bridge" is our Wednesday Night Experience for members to enjoy corporate prayer, praise and teaching on the Concord campus on a Wednesday night. Then, the members break into small groups to discuss the prepared lesson from the teaching moment.

Can I join both Community Groups and "The Bridge" - Wednesday Night Experience?

Yes.

What is the benefit of the Small Group?

Small Groups provides an opportunity for deeper Bible study, increase unity within the church, and relieve the pressure of deciding what each small group will study. The groups engage people relationally allowing them to share their personal experiences and stories with other believers.

Who can participate in Small Group?

Small Groups are open to all Concord members and guests.

When are the Small Groups held?

The Small Groups determine their own meeting times throughout the week and the number of meetings each month. Most groups meet two to three times in a month.

What is the required commitment?

Participation in a Small Group is a three (3) month commitment. At the end of the three months, participants have the choice of staying in the same group or trying a new group.

Where are the Small Groups?

Small Groups are held in the homes of members across the DFW area and on the Concord campus.

How can I get into a Small Group?

You can go to concorddallas.org website to find a group and complete the “find me a group” form.

What do we study in the Small Groups?

We have three different curriculum tracks available for groups to study.

- 1) *Sermon Based* - A sermon based guide is used to discuss the weekend message from the previous Sunday. The group resurfaces the sermon's big idea, revisits scripture and reinforces application.
- 2) *Topical* - A selected curriculum is used to guide discussions in the group around a particular life stage or season of life. Curriculums are available for men, women, singles and couples.
- 3) *Bible Based* - A selected curriculum enables the group to discuss the Bible in context and apply to life.

Is childcare available?

This may be the most frequently asked question in small groups. The main thing to consider is that you have lots of options and it is important to communicate openly as a group about what option works best for you. Things to consider and discuss involve group members' expectations, ages of kids, temperaments of kids, and layout of meeting places.

Options may include:

- **Family Group.**
The group is intergenerational, meaning the kids are involved—at least to some degree—in the meetings. The kids are not looked at as an interruption. They are part of the group!
- **Controlled Chaos.**
The kids have things to do together with other kids (perhaps some older kids help by playing with the younger ones). Children are allowed to come and go, within reason, during the meeting. Because we're a group of families, we don't see our kids as an interruption. It's just part of life in a small group!
- **In-Group Child Care.**
Someone in the group watches, interacts and plays with, or teaches the kids while the group meets. This might be a parent (perhaps on a rotating basis), a middle school, high school, or college-aged student, or a grandparent.
- **Paid Child Care.**
The group pays someone (a high school student from church, for instance) to watch

the children while the group meets. Treat this person like a part of the group (for instance, make him or her part of the fellowship time) and pay her well!

- Individual Child Care.
Group members provide for their own child care.
- Meet at Church.
Some groups can meet on the Concord Campus during “The Bridge” - Wednesday Night Experience.

What types of Small Groups are available?

COMMUNITY GROUPS

The Community Groups are our small groups where members meet in homes, restaurants and on Concord’s campus.

Couples meet with other couples.

Adults meet with mixed 40 something and above men and women where both singles and couples are welcomed.

Young Adults meet with mixed groups 20 something to 40 something men and women where both singles and couples are welcomed.

Youth meet with students in Junior & Senior High.

Men’s Groups meet with single & married men.

- 18-40
- 40 plus
- Dads Club
- Men’s Fraternity

Women’s Groups meet with single & married women.

- **Awaking the Sleeping Beauty Groups** – Come & learn what God’s definition of beauty is and how He sees each of His daughters as beautiful.
- **New Eve Groups** – Be a “discerning woman” and learn the Bold Moves you need to make as a Christian woman living in the 21st century,
- **Generational Groups** – Explore God’s Word together with other women who desire to be God’s best.
 - 18-25 years of age
 - 26-40 years of age
 - 40 plus
 - Single Parents

Support Groups and Special Interest groups meet with other members who are looking for support through a special situation. Support groups include substance abuse, concerned persons, and grief support.

- Divorce Recovery

“THE BRIDGE” – Wednesday Night Experience

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Men Groups – These groups are men only

Women Groups – These groups are women only

Mixed Groups - These groups are mixed with men and women