

Smallgroups at GBC.

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Introduction:

Consider committing to a smallgroup.

1) Why are smallgroups important at GBC?

Recall the “body” as a metaphor for the church in the New Testament.

Consider the commands for one-another care:

Accept one another (Romans 15:7)

Admonish one another (Romans 15:14; Colossians 3:16)

Be at peace with one another (1 Thessalonians 5:13)

Be devoted to one another in brotherly love (Romans 12:10)

Be hospitable to one another (1 Peter 4:9)

Be humble toward one another (1 Peter 5:5)

Be kind to one another (Ephesians 4:32)

Be of the same mind with one-another (Romans 12:16; 15:5)

Be subject to one another (Ephesians 5:21)

Bear one another’s burdens (Galatians 6:2)

Bear with one another (Colossians 3:13)

Build up one another (Romans 14:19; 1 Thessalonians 5:11)

Care for one another (1 Corinthians 12:25)

Comfort one another with the rapture (1 Thessalonians 4:18)

Confess your sins to one another (James 5:16)

Do not challenge one another (Galatians 5:26)

Do not complain against one another (James 5:9)

Do not envy one another (Galatians 5:26)

Do not judge one another (Romans 14:13)

Do not lie to one another (Colossians 3:9)

Do not repay one another evil for evil (1 Thessalonians 5:15)

Do not speak against one another (James 4:11)

Do not sue one another (1 Corinthians 6:7)

Encourage one another in perseverance (Hebrews 3:13; 10:25)

Encourage one another regarding the rapture (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

Fellowship with one another (1 John 1:7; Hebrews 10:25)
Forgive one another (Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:13)
Greet one another (Romans 16:16; 1 Corinthians 16:20; 2 Corinthians 13:12; 1 Peter 5:14)
Love one another (Romans 13:8; 1 Thessalonians 3:12; 4:9; see also 2 Thessalonians 1:3; 1 Peter 1:22; 1 Peter 4:8; 1 John 3:11,23; 4:7,11,12; 2 John 1:5; John 13:34-35; John 15:12,17)
Pray for one another (James 5:16)
Prefer one another (Romans 12:10; see also Phil 2:3-4)
Regard one another as more important than yourselves (Phil 2:3)
Seek good for one another (1 Thessalonians 5:15)
Serve one another (Galatians 5:13; 1 Peter 4:10)
Speak to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16)
Speak truthfully to one another (Ephesians 4:25)
Stimulate one another to love and good deeds (Hebrews 10:24)
Tolerate one another (Ephesians 4:2)
Wait for one another (1 Corinthians 11:33)
Wash one another's feet (John 13:14)

2) What is a smallgroup at GBC?

An intentional, regular, located, gathering of a subset of the church that extends equipping and care through and to its individual members.

intentional —

regular —

located —

gathering —

subset —

3) What can you expect at a smallgroup at GBC?

Word-centered ministry —

Elder oversight —

Qualified leadership —

Interactive participation —

Regular accountability for your spiritual life —

- Bible-reading
- prayer
- evangelism
- repentance

One-another care —

Fellowship —

Variety —

- format
- schedule
- location
- participants
- pain

4) What smallgroup needs are there at GBC?