

### WHERE CAN I HOST MY GROUP?

We encourage Small Groups to meet outside the church building in places where you like to spend your time. Some of the most common meeting places are homes, restaurants, parks, coffee shops, and office buildings. We also have limited space at our campuses for groups.

### WHAT SMALL GROUP CURRICULUM CAN I USE?

We have a list of pre-approved small group content on our Leader Resources page. If you have another study or curriculum you're passionate about, email the Small Groups Director so we can take a look at it. Once approved by the Church Leadership Team you're free to use it!

### DOES MY GROUP HAVE TO MEET WEEKLY?

We encourage meeting weekly each semester so you can build genuine relationships. But we also know life can be busy, so if you know you can only meet every other week include that in the small group application. We want to include that so potential members know what they're signing up for.

## DO YOU PROVIDE CHILDCARE FOR SMALL GROUPS?

We do not want anyone to miss the chance to be in a Small Group for financial reasons. We offer childcare reimbursement for individuals who would like to attend a Small Group, but do not have the resources to pay for a babysitter at their home each week. Reimbursement is for Love of Christ Church members or attendees who would not otherwise be able to attend a Small Group, and it applies to childcare costs that occur during a Small Group. This is for individuals to obtain childcare and does not apply to an entire group hiring a babysitter for their meetings.

Please refer to the Childcare Reimbursement Request Form for complete guidelines, which is available here. For any questions or more information contact the church office at (302)-838-0603 or info@loveofchristchurch.org.

# WHAT IF I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER?

If someone in your group asks a question that you don't know the answer to, don't worry! It's okay to not have all the answers. Thankfully, we can find guidance through prayer, the Bible, and the Holy Spirit. Encourage them to spend time reading the Bible and praying. Also let them know you will do your best to find out information and get back with them at your next meeting. Do some personal research and call your Coach to get advice if you need it!

### WHAT IF SOMEONE DOESN'T STOP TALKING?

We've all been there. In a setting where someone doesn't stop talking about their point of view or life story. But we don't want one person to dominate the whole conversation. Your role is to encourage everyone to participate in the conversation. If someone starts to dominate the conversation, redirect it to another member by saying "Let's hear from someone else. \_\_\_\_\_, what do you think?" Likewise, avoid letting the discussion go off topic, unless there is a value in what is being said for the whole group. If problems persist, contact your Coach for more advice.

## WHAT IF THERE'S A SITUATION I CAN'T HANDLE?

If a difficult situation within your Small Group comes up, please know you're not alone. If a member is going through a crisis, you can rally the group around them to provide prayer, encouragement, and support. Use wisdom and be sensitive to the situation. If you are unsure of what to do, don't hesitate to talk to your Coach about it. Also, you and/or your group member can call the Church Leadership Team at (302)-838-0603, if needed.

## **HOW CAN I SHARE TESTIMONIES FROM MY GROUP?**

We love hearing about the life-change taking place in your small group! You can share your stories/testimonies by emailing them to josh.ginter@loveofchristchurch.org. Or add them to your Next Steps Survey at the end of the semester.