

IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS

INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNITY GROUPS

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY GROUP?

Community groups are small gatherings of people (Christian and non) that meet regularly for friendship, accountability, study and prayer, laughter, and occasionally tears. Community groups are an essential expression of the mission of Mars Hill Church. They're a place where we learn more about Jesus and life together. They're the place where we wrestle with the truths of the Bible and encourage one another toward the life that God intends for us.

Each community group is unique, shaped by its neighborhood and the people who attend. However, you can expect a weekly gathering in a residence that involves food, conversation, prayer, discussion for applying the Bible to practical living, and service in the neighborhood. At the heart of each community group is the desire to see an authentic community marked by love for Jesus, one another, and the neighborhood.

WHY SHOULD I JOIN A COMMUNITY GROUP?

The God of the Bible is a Trinitarian God who is one and three persons: Father, Son, and Spirit. God has made us in his image, which means we are made for community and friendship. And when we are not living in community we suffer because life in a sinful world is too complex and tempting to journey alone. Therefore, community groups are a place where we can live in relationship with one another through the ups and downs of life.

HOW DO I GET CONNECTED TO A COMMUNITY GROUP?

The easiest way to get connected is on Sunday: before or after the service, stop by the info desk at the campus where you attend. The volunteers will personally walk you through the process and connect you to a group. That will include joining The City, which is our private online social network. If you are already on The City, click the "community group" link or select "Find a Community" from the "More" menu. You can begin participating in the community of Mars Hill at any time, and we are glad to welcome you.

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IDENTITY COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

MATT 3:13-17 – JESUS' BAPTISM

1. What does the Father say about the Son?
2. How is the Trinity involved in the life and ministry of Jesus?

LUKE 5:1-11 – PETER IS COMMISSIONED BY JESUS

1. How does Peter respond to Jesus' holiness?
2. How does Jesus respond to Peter's confession of sinfulness?

PERSONAL

1. How do you respond to the Father's affirmation of Jesus?
2. What does your life look like when your identity is in Jesus?

COMMUNITY

1. How can our group encourage gospel identity in one another?
2. How can we help one another lose our sinful excuses for not following Jesus?

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WORSHIP COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

JOHN 4:19 -26 – JESUS WITH THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

- 1.How does Jesus describe the worship of the Samaritans?
- 2.How does Jesus describe the worship that is sought by the Father?

MATT. 14:25-33

- 1.What is Peter's response to Jesus walking on water?
- 2.How do the disciples respond to Jesus in the boat?

PERSONAL

- 1.How would your prayer life change if you came to Jesus as a worshipper?
- 2.What does life look like if everything is sacred?

COMMUNITY

- 1.How can we do a better job of exalting Jesus as a community group?
- 2.How can we help each other live worshipful lives during the week?

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COMMUNITY COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

JOHN 13:2-17 – JESUS WASHES THE DISCIPLE'S FEET

1. How much did Jesus know of the events coming in the next 24 hours?
2. How did Jesus treat his betrayer?

LUKE 22:31-34

1. What was Jesus' prayer for Peter?
2. Describe the battle for Peter's faith?

PERSONAL

1. What is your rebound plan when you sin?
2. What does it look like to live in community with people who are blind to their weaknesses?

COMMUNITY

1. What would it look like for us to pray for one another like Jesus prayed for Peter?
2. What does it look like for us to speak truth and be in process?

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MISSION COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

MARK 1:35-39

1. What was the towns response to Jesus' ministry?
2. What was Jesus response to Peter and his disciples?

JOHN 21:15-19

1. What did Jesus tell Peter about his death?
2. What did Jesus ask Peter to do?

PERSONAL

1. What does it mean to say "I love you" to Jesus?
2. Does loving Jesus impact how you relate to others? How?

COMMUNITY

1. How can we as a community group love others by loving Jesus.
2. What would community group look like if we were loving Jesus in front of others?