

# Community Group FAQs

## What is a Community Group?

*A Community Group is a group of anywhere from 10-50 people who are committed to living life together for the glory of God through connecting with each other and growing closer to Jesus Christ.*

## Why is it important to join one?

*We believe that Community Groups are the primary means to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ. Especially in a church the size of ours, it can be hard to meet people and easy to simply come and go. A Community Group shrinks the size of the church into smaller groups, allowing all of us to be part of a close group of people who love, care for, learn from, and challenge each other in our faith in Christ.*

## What typically happens at a Community Group gathering?

*Most Community Groups contain two basic elements: a social time of hanging out and a time of studying, discussing the Bible, and praying together. Also, outside of gathering together, oftentimes Community Groups will find ways to serve the church or another ministry in the area.*

## What are the different kinds of Community Groups?

*There two major kinds of groups. First, we have groups that meet on Sundays at each of our three campuses: Akron, Green, and Wadsworth. These are our Campus Community Groups. Second, we have groups that meet on different days of the week in homes. These are our Home Community Groups. Our Campus Community Groups and Home Community Groups are broken down further in the following ways:*

*Singles – Individuals 30+, not married.*

*Young Marrieds – Recently married or engaged couples. Generally in their 20s.*

*Young Families – Couples, families, or singles with young children in elementary school.*

*Mid-families – Couples, families, or singles with children in middle school & up.*

*Turning Points – Couples and singles with grown children.*

*Wisdom Years – Couples and singles, generally in their 60s & up.*

*Blended Families – Couples and singles of all ages that are remarried or considering remarriage.*

*Disability – Individuals with cognitive disabilities.*

*Ladies – Women of all ages.*

*Men – Men of all ages.*

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## How long should I wait until I join a group?

*There should be no waiting! We encourage you join a group as soon as possible. The sooner the better.*

## How do I pick a group?

*We have designed a form to help. There are many options at The Chapel, and it can be hard to know which group is best for you. This form allows you to choose what is most important for you in a Community Group, and then we will match you with the group that best meets your preferences. If you look again on our Community groups webpage, just click on the link that says "Get Connected" and fill it out. We will help you from there!*

## If I visit a Community Group, do I have to join?

*Not at all. We encourage you try to multiple Community Groups, both Campus and Home Groups. It may take a few tries or visits to find the group that you best connect with. More than anything, we want you to find the right group.*

## What if I want to lead or start a Community Group?

*That's great! We have all our potential leaders fill out a form that helps us to get to know you better. Please contact Debbie Cardy at 330.315.5910 or [debbie.cardy@the-chapel.org](mailto:debbie.cardy@the-chapel.org) to receive the form.*

## Any other questions?

*We'd love to answer any other question that you may have regarding Community Groups at The Chapel. Don't hesitate to contact Debbie Cardy at 330.315.5910 or [debbie.cardy@the-chapel.org](mailto:debbie.cardy@the-chapel.org).*