

The Basics of Groups & Classes



GROUPS

HOW WILL YOU MEET- In Person or Virtual

In-person Groups are made up of local participants that can meet in homes, parks, restaurants, or other physical locations. **Virtual (Online) Groups** may have people who live locally but opt to meet virtually (usually through Zoom or Google Meet, but could also include Virtual Chats like YouVersion or the Christ Fellowship App). Virtual groups may also include people from across the country and world who are part of our online church community - CF Everywhere. Some groups are a hybrid - they meet virtually a few times a month and then meet in person occasionally to build community.

CATEGORIES or HUBS

In order to organize and care for leaders and members, groups are placed in the following categories called HUBS: Sisterhood (women's groups), Crew (men's groups), Everyone (Co-Ed groups for singles, marrieds, men and women - everyone), MarriedPeople, and Freedom and Care (GriefShare, DivorceCare, Celebrate Recovery, and Cancer Care).

TYPES OF GROUPS

STUDY: Study groups meet to do exactly that...study! There is a wide range of [resources and studies](#) provided for you to use with your group, from sermon series by our Senior Pastors, recommended book studies, the "Keep Talking" resource, to video-based Bible studies.

SOCIAL/ACTIVITY: These groups draw people into community for a shared activity like walking, biking, surfing, golf, or basketball. Other groups are based on social events such as a dinner/supper club, or a book club. There are even groups based on a common profession, stage of life, or experience.

SERVE: Some groups focus on community outreach/serving as they



learn and share God's Word and grow in relationships with each other.

CLASSES

Classes are designed to help people participate in discussions around a specific topic and grow spiritually. They are typically held on-site around tables (also referred to as groups) at Christ Fellowship campuses and run for a specific number of weeks with a start and end date. Classes include video-based content led by a Facilitator from the front of the room, followed by discussion time led by Table Leaders (group leaders who facilitate discussion around the tables). Participants build community as they return to the same table for discussion each week. At the conclusion of a class, Table Groups can take a next step together by joining an existing offsite or virtual group or starting a new one.

RHYTHMS for Groups & Classes

We have three semesters for Groups & Classes that provide a seasonal rhythm each year to include rest for leaders in late spring, early fall, and mid-winter. Semester start dates vary slightly each year based on the Christ Fellowship global calendar and events. With this variation in mind, semesters are Winter/Spring, Summer, and Fall. Prior to the beginning of each semester, our campus groups team will reach out to you and update your group's profile for that semester. Following that, our group and class details are then updated on our Group and Class Finder, and typically campuses host Connect Weekends to promote and launch Groups & Classes.

