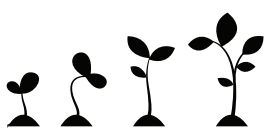


GROWTH GROUPS

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HUNTERBIBLECHURCH



We want to be a people growing together to be more like Christ.

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

HEBREWS 10:24-25



Growth Groups are weekly small groups where members of HBC dig into the Bible, pray and care for each other under the leadership of mature Christians.



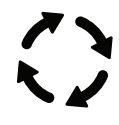
For many people, being part of a Growth Group is one of the best experiences in their Christian life.



In Growth Groups we study the Bible together and learn about God; we pray for God’s agenda as well as our personal requests; and we encourage each other in our walk with Jesus. We value the wisdom of godly leaders and strive for a culture of personal repentance.



Growth Groups are the first context for pastoral care. This means that being a committed member of a group is the best way to be served in this way and to serve others.



Our focus is Christian Maturity, however the other ‘Ms’ we talk about in church: Membership, Mission, Magnification and Ministry will find expression in our groups as well. In groups we look out as well as in.



Our groups run for a year at a time—sometimes continuing the following year, sometimes changing, depending on new opportunities and times of transition for leaders.

EXPECTATIONS



01. Commitment

We expect everyone to commit to encouraging the people in their Growth Group in their walk with Jesus.

“From Christ the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.”

EPHESIANS 4:16

This means being there for each other at Growth Group and Sunday Church with a mindset of encouragement. It also means prayer for each other, keeping in touch, practical help, and spending time together. As a way of helping look out for each other, we’ve asked group leaders to keep track of when members are missing so they can follow up appropriately.



02. Respect

We expect everyone to respect their Growth Group leaders. These men and women are carefully appointed by senior leaders in the Maturity team according to the principles of passages such as 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1.

Leaders take a genuine responsibility for their groups and so deserve the respect spoken of in places such as 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 and Hebrews 13:17.

We can also respect each other by maintaining appropriate confidentiality in our group.



03. Partnership

Groups can expect to play a wider part in the life of church. This includes things like serving on church rosters, praying for partner missionaries and hearing church news and financial updates. This gospel partnership helps keep us looking outwards to the needs of others and the urgency of evangelism.

Got questions? Contact us at maturity@hunterbiblechurch.org



The Connect Series

Growth Groups are a really important part of HBC. For this reason, we ask new people at church to hook into The Connect Series before joining a group. We’ve found it’s the best way to help them get to know us as a church and engage with church life.