

Curriculum Options

Goal: To show you the variety of curriculum and content options you can use to lead your group.

Guiding Principle: There are a variety of mediums to facilitate and foster small group ministry in. We are not a one size fits all church and we feel the same way about the methods you can choose for leading your group. Curriculum should be Biblically based, relevant, engaging and fit the safe culture of Grace Church.

Where can you find good content for your group?

Connect Group Library - At Grace we have a library of exceptional group studies, books and video driven content. Let us know if you want to come look at the library. Emails us at connect@gracesd.com.

Finding new content and curriculum

Here is a list of recommend publishers. Go to the site and search for a book, study or video/workbook that can shape the direction of the content for your group. For example say you want to lead a group on depression, leadership, apologetics or being a man of god. Just search and start looking for a book that you sense God leading you to use, to lead others.

- Go to <http://www.lifeway.com>
- Go to <http://www.zondervan.com>
- Go to <https://www.eerdmans.com>
- Go to <http://www.ivpress.com>
- Go to <https://www.christianbook.com>
- Go to <https://www.tyndale.com>
- Go to <http://bakerpublishinggroup.com/bakerbooks>
- Go to <http://www.thomason.com>

What are the different kinds of groups you can lead?

Bible Study Groups - When you study a specific passage of Scripture in the meeting.

- Inductive Bible study (Observation, Interpretation, Application) See training video.
- Teacher led study

Book Study Groups - When you pick a book that the group goes through. Usually each person reads a chapter during the week and then you meet to discuss as a group. Look for a book that has study questions at the back of each chapter.

Video and Workbook Driven Groups - These are great for new leaders. When the groups meets, you will put a video in and a teacher will teach. After the video you go through a workbook with questions and discussion topics already set up for you. This makes it very simple to have a successful group, even for new leaders.

Sermon Based Groups

- Connect Group Ice-breaker and Discussion Questions are printed on the back of each week's program notes and can also be found online at gracesd.com under "listen —> previous messages —> choose the series/message —> little grey box"

Devotional content

- This is a good option for activity groups or other groups that are heavily social. You can simply start the group with a devotional reading. There are great devotionals out there. Look them up at the websites above. One great idea is Jesus Calling by Sarah Young. When the group meets, you can gather them, read the devotional, ask a few questions that target the meaning of the reading and how it applies to life. For example 1) What was the reading about? 2) How does that apply to your life?

How does the payment process work?

Purchasing Process

- For book purchases, we ask the leader to purchase the books and have the group attenders pay back the leader. If this is a financial challenge for the leader, please contact us at connect@gracesd.com and we will work a solution.
- For Video and Workbook driven groups, the church will pay for the leaders guide and videos. When the group is done we will keep the content for the Connect library. Each member of the group will pay for their own copy of the workbook.