

Should I be in a LifeGroup?

Some questions to ask:

1. Do I feel motivated to mature in my relationship with God and others?
2. Am I at a place where I desire to make new friendships or deepen existing ones?
3. Am I willing to make a commitment to a seasonal covenant that will help us reach our goals?

How would I become involved in a LifeGroup?

A good starting place is to sign up for our Orientation Class that can lead into a LifeGroup Foundations study. During these sessions, you will get to experience the benefits of making use of our sermon-based studies while developing new friendships.

For more information on how you can engage in relationally-based discipleship in our church, please contact Pastor Doug Friesen (*Pastor of Relationally-based discipleship*) at WRBC 489-3875 ext. 25 or email dfriesen@wrbc.mb.ca



LifeGroup to connect.



LifeGroup to nurture.



LifeGroup to grow.



LifeGroup to serve.

Hebrews 10:24-25 (HCSB)

24 And let us be concerned about one another in order to promote love and good works,
25 not staying away from our worship meetings, as some habitually do,
but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day drawing near.



Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives . . .
Colossians 3:16 (NLT)

Nurturing followers
of Jesus Christ
through
healthy relationships



whyte ridge
baptist church

201 scurfield blvd. winnipeg, manitoba r2m 1w2

What is our purpose?

Our purpose as Whyte Ridge Baptist Church is to *nurture followers of Jesus Christ through healthy relationships*. Acknowledging that, though we cannot create friendships for others, we aim to create a variety of environments where Christ-honouring friendships can either begin to form or continue to develop.

LifeGroups are the primary means by which we want to encourage our church family to take intentional steps forward in relationally-based discipleship. We desire to gain a better understanding of what it means to live as the body of Christ in our day and age.

**real relationships.
real people.**



LifeGroup main features...

The main feature of a LifeGroup is that those involved *share a common desire to journey towards Christ-likeness together*. As followers of Jesus Christ, we have the wonderful promise that, as our lives are given and submitted to Him, the Holy Spirit will continually transform us into the image of Christ until the day we see Him face to face. Our greatest calling is to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength and to love our neighbours as ourselves . . . and we are told to do that *together*.

LifeGroup main factors...

With that in mind, LifeGroups are *based on existing and/or developing friendships* - they are relationally focused, not information or task driven. LifeGroups are dynamic, and two main factors will impact their makeup:

1. Depth of Sharing

When friendships are new, it's reasonable to expect that the level of sharing and praying for one another will be less than once the friendships have been better established or matured. A LifeGroup consisting of new friends may decide to spend more of their time learning together, but their primary focus still remains on the development of Christ-honouring friendships.

2. Desired Size of Group

There is no correct size for a LifeGroup. It may be a group of 8-12 people who are learning to journey towards Christ together or a more intimate group of 3-4 people set on intentionally discipling one another.

Once a LifeGroup is formed, it is *given shape by the use of a seasonal covenant*. At the beginning of every season (fall, winter and spring), LifeGroups will meet to renew or establish their covenant with one another. It is the creation of this covenant which gives shape to the time that they commit to spending with each other.

In short, a LifeGroup is a *group of people who share a common desire to journey towards Christ-likeness together*. They are *based on existing and/or developing friendships and are shaped by the use of seasonal covenants*.



What happens when a LifeGroup meets?

With relationally-based discipleship as our goal, there is a lot of freedom in how we use our time together. Whether our time is spent in studying Scripture together, sharing together, praying together or serving together - the key word is *together* in Christ-honouring friendships.

As a church, we are committed to *expository preaching that is based on working through books of the Bible*. We provide sermon-based studies that focus primarily on deepening our understanding of the Scripture passage the Sunday morning message is based on. We encourage LifeGroups to make this their main source of study together.