

Why Small Groups

We believe that within the context of community, sustained life change happens when we make small groups the priority option for spiritual growth in our church.

Here are a few reasons for small groups:

- 1. *Small groups provide accountability.* The only way to keep growing spiritually is through honest accountability with another person. Proverbs 27:17 says, “As iron sharpens iron, so people can improve each other.” This level of sharpening happens best in a small group setting with others.**
- 1. *Small groups limit choices.* It would stand to reason that the more options you have, the better, but the opposite is, in fact, true. Studies show people become stuck when they have too many choices. We want the choices to be simple and obvious. When new people visit our church and ask us what they should do next, there’s only one button: join a small group.**
- 2. *Small groups broaden the span of pastoral care.* We could never hire enough staff to facilitate spiritual care for every person who attends our church. A small group gives people opportunities to discover their God-given gifts and abilities through leading. Our group leaders are the first line of care in the church.**
- 3. *Small groups create a natural pipeline for leadership.* A small-group church system is an ideal incubator for potential leaders. If you want to find out if people will follow someone, ask them to start a small group.**
- 4. *Small groups reinforce the message.* Mt. Moriah Church is very intentional about what we put in people’s hands each week. We offer online studies and online teaching from our Senior pastors as well as other sources. There are teachings for all levels of growth. An outline of the Sunday messages are offered online. Our senior pastors are thrilled to know that people are talking about their Sunday message throughout the week.**
- 5. *Small groups identify the core.* When we consider new growth requiring new leadership as well as possible other Mt. Moriah campuses in the area, we look first to our small group leaders and hosts. When we need to quickly respond to a need or a natural disaster, our first line of action is our group leaders. Small groups are the core of our church.**
- 6. *Small groups are easily replicable.* The one ministry that has no limits is small groups. You are only limited by the number of homes, businesses, and meeting spots in our area which is endless.**