



FAQ's

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY GROUP?

Community Groups are where people have the opportunity to pursue authentic community and spiritual growth.

WHAT DO COMMUNITY GROUPS DO?

Groups commit to spending a predetermined amount of time together for authentic community and spiritual growth. A group experience includes time for both relational connection and studies that challenge members to grow spiritually. A typical group meeting will consist of social time, study, and prayer. Groups also share Communion together and occasionally substitute the typical meeting for a social outing or a community service opportunity.

WHAT TYPES OF GROUPS ARE AVAILABLE?

Our typical group types include Men's, Women's, Couples, Mixed, Young Adults or Formative . Available group types will be dependent upon the volunteers who sign-up to facilitate and/or host in their home.

WHAT IS A MIXED GROUP?

A **mixed group** is a group composed of members not organized by gender, marital status, or stage of life.

WHAT IS A FORMATIVE GROUP?

A **formative group** is a group that forms without a pre-appointed leader. In order for a formative group to be established, the group will need a contact person and a host home to commit for the 4-week starter period of a new group.

HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE IN A GROUP?

Couples groups are composed of 4-6 couples. All other groups are composed of 5-12 individuals.

WHERE DO COMMUNITY GROUPS MEET?

Most groups meet in homes and are formed based on the leader's location. The majority of groups meet in the areas closest to the church. Typically, 2-3 members of the Community Group will volunteer to host in their home on a rotational basis. The exact locations will be determined once the group forms. We also have groups that meet virtually.

HOW OFTEN DO THE GROUPS MEET AND FOR HOW LONG EACH TIME?

Typically, groups meet weekly (the same day/time) for between 90 minutes and two hours; the group decides this together.

ARE CHILDREN ALLOWED AT THE GROUP MEETINGS?

Some Couples groups elect to have children in the same home during the meeting (typically on another floor with a babysitter(s) hired and paid for by the group) while others elect to have only adults present.

HOW LONG DO GROUPS LAST?

Community Groups are designed to last 12-24 months.

HOW DO I LEAD A GROUP?

Visit journeyrva.com/cgleader to apply.

HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?

Visit journeyrva.com during Open Enrollment seasons and Group Formation Seasons.

WHAT IS GROUP FORMATION SEASON?

Group Formation Season is the time of year where we invite people to move beyond the rows of our weekend experience to *circles*, forming community groups. This season occurs twice a year; March and August. During this time, all available community groups will be posted online where group seekers can choose which one they would like to join.

WHAT IF THE GROUP I SIGN UP FOR DOESN'T FILL UP?

If there are groups that do not fill by the deadline, those individuals will be invited to join other available groups.

IS THERE A GUARANTEE THAT MY PREFERRED GROUP TYPE WILL BE AVAILABLE?

(For example: Do you have a homeschooling moms group? Do you have a men's group that meets on Wednesday mornings?)

Our hope and desire is to have new groups forming in as many areas of town and group types as possible. However, available group types will be dependent upon the volunteers who sign-up to facilitate and/or host in their home. While some group seekers find value in looking for a group of people in the same stage of life, we encourage all group seekers to consider the possibilities of engaging with a more diverse community.