



HILLCREST BIBLE CHURCH

Life Groups FAQs

We're thrilled you're interested in Life Groups! At Hillcrest we see Life Groups as central to your growth and joy. Life is better when we live it together.

What is a Life Group?

A Life Group is a small group of people who gladly commit to meeting together to encourage our ongoing spiritual transformation. Life Groups are our primary means for encouraging people to grow in their faith and love for Jesus. Our hope and expectation for you is that by participating in a Hillcrest Life Group, you will experience a joy-filled community of faith at a personal level.

What can I Expect?

As we gather regularly, we engage in three key pursuits:

- **Life in the Text** – In our groups we use the Inductive Bible Study Method to read and reflect on God's word. We find this method allows us to seek out what the scriptures say and how they apply to our lives.
- **Life in Community** – Group leaders are equipped to engage their group in deeper connection and sharing life together. Life Groups are the place where you can be known, supported and challenged in a meaningful way.
- **Life on Mission** – Part of growing in faith is following the call of Jesus to love our neighbors. Life Groups work together to serve, build relationships, and engage with the people in our cities and help people find life with Jesus.

How do I find a group?

- **Organic:** Finding a group can be as simple as being invited by a group leader you meet on Sunday, or by a friend who is already in a Life Group. If you've been invited to a group feel free to attend.
- **Organized:** Not sure which group is for you? Reach out to us and we can help give you options of groups to plug into.

What if I have kids?

Many groups provide sitters on site. If you decide to use childcare we ask that you contribute to help cover the costs of providing sitters. The cost (avg. \$15 per month) may vary from group to group depending on the number of sitters needed. Your Life Group leader can provide you with this cost before you attend.

What if I don't like it?

If you discover that a group is not a good fit for you, we don't want you to feel stuck. Contact David Bartosik (Groups Coordinator) for help in finding a different group. We know that Life Group can only be effective if everyone feels comfortable being themselves and able to be vulnerable. This often takes time to develop, but if you feel it's not a good fit, please let us know.

What am I Committing to?

- **Text:** We ask group members to come prepared to engage with others and with scripture, by having read the current text and spent time thinking about it.
- **Community:** We ask group members to commit to meeting regularly for the full life group year (September - May), keep the confidence of those in the group, and to work for the good of your group by participating in an emotionally healthy way. We have 3 times a year when people jump into Groups.
- **Mission:** We ask group members to step into engaging relationships with those who do not yet follow Jesus. We do this by throwing great parties, loving our neighbors, and genuinely caring for the wellbeing of others in our community.

