

GATEWAY GROUPS

Experience Community

	Life Groups	<u>D-Groups</u>	Seasonal Groups	<u>Support Groups</u>
What are you looking for?	To connect relationally with others to grow spiritually	A gender-specific group of 2 - 5 people who study & apply God's Word with mutual accountability & scripture memorization	To study a specific purpose or topic for a limited period of time	Support to help you while going through a trying time
Focus	Long-term relationships	Discipleship	Defined by the content or the audience	Specific needs-based support
Examples	Young Adult, Couples, Empty-Nesters, Singles, Family, Men or Women, All adults - mixed ages	These groups meet in person or online. Curriculum is the Bible & <i>Foundations: Bible Reading Plan</i>	Women's Bible Study, Exploring Christianity,* Financial Peace, Church-Wide Series Group - (offered 1 x year in January)**	GriefShare, Divorce Care, Military Support, Celebrate Recovery, Brain Injury Support
Type of Leader	Peer	Peer to Peer	Staff, Lay Leader or Peer	Staff or Lay Leader
Group Duration	Long-Term	12 Months (initial 4-week trial)	Short-Term (seasonal, 4-10 weeks)	Short-Term (seasonal, 8-15 weeks) some are ongoing or monthly
Meeting Frequency	Weekly or Bi-weekly - may take seasonal breaks	Weekly	Weekly	Weekly or monthly
Meeting length	60 - 90 minutes	60 minutes	60 - 90 minutes	90 minutes
Open or Closed?	Both (usually closed)	Closed (you identify the one or few people you'll meet with)	Open (join seasonally)	Open seasonally; or continuously open