



Small Group FAQ:

### **What happens at a small group meeting?**

Community Happens! In a small group you will catch up on life together and build deeper relationships in Christ together. You will eat snacks, engage in activities, read and study God's Word all while creating fun memories together. A small group looks like friends at lunch, teams playing basketball, or people studying the Bible. At its core, a small group is a small gathering of people creating community and impacting the community around you.

### **How often does a small group meet?**

Our Small Groups meet for two semesters a year—winter/spring, fall. (We may decide to do a summer semester). During the semester, most groups meet once a week at a day and time of your choosing. Small Groups are meant to bring meaning and community into the flow of your life, so even if you can't attend every meeting, there is still great value in joining a group.

### **How long does a typical small group stay together?**

Most Small Groups meet for a semester. This way, new people can join groups easily and regularly. Also, the semester format allows you to try multiple groups each year. As relationships form, some groups may choose to stay together for consecutive semesters, but new members are always welcome.

### **Is there childcare available?**

Childcare varies from group to group. We will indicate which groups have childcare for members to be aware; however, it is the responsibility of the leader to coordinate their small groups childcare. Small groups meeting at the church or other public settings should not leave children unattended.

### **What if I don't like the first group I try?**

The truth is, not everyone will find the best fit with the first group they try. This is why we encourage you to select a few groups that interest you, contact the leaders and try out a couple different groups before choosing the best one for you. The simple strategy to finding success in Small Groups is to not give up. We believe there is a group that is right for everyone—including you!

### **Can my small group meet longer than the semester?**

Small groups should stick within the confines of the semester. If you miss a week due to illness or unforeseen circumstances you as a leader will need to adjust your plans to keep on schedule.

Even after a semester ends, Small groups are encouraged to join together to volunteer at Edgewood Events. See an upcoming church work day or volunteer opportunity? Message your group and coordinate a day of serving together. We do strongly encourage semesters end on time so that families and members have time to recoup for the next semester.