

# GROUP COMMON QUESTIONS

## **WHY DOES THE FIELDS DO GROUPS?**

We believe that significant life change best takes place in the context of intentional relationships. Community Groups are the places where real life and real issues are discussed. This is the environment to celebrate the successes and good times of life, as well as comfort one another in the tough and disappointing times. It's a place to be encouraged, equipped, and challenged to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ.

## **HOW OFTEN DO GROUPS MEET?**

Our Groups meet for three semesters a year—winter/spring, summer and fall. During the semester, most groups meet once a week. 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.

## **WHY DO GROUPS MEET BY SEMESTER?**

We want to make it as easy as possible for people to find connections, grow in faith, and make a difference at The Fields. Semester Groups allow us to offer three coordinated on-ramps to join groups each year.

## **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 choose to stay together for consecutive semesters, but new members are always welcome.

## **IS CHILDCARE PROVIDED?**

Not all Groups offer childcare, but there are options available. Some Group members let the kids play while the adults meet, share the responsibility of watching the kids, split the cost for a sitter, or make other arrangements.

## **WHERE DO GROUPS MEET?**

Groups meet in homes, restaurants, at the church or coffee shops. Some Groups meet at the park or at a walking trail. We can help you find a Group near you and based on an activity you're interested in.

## **WHAT WILL MY GROUP DO?**

It depends on the kind of Group you choose. Some Groups serve together. Other Groups study the Bible together. And some get together to enjoy a shared interest, such as fitness, board games, or crafting. No matter the type of Group you can expect to connect with others through a common activity, engage in life giving conversation and request prayer.