

CIRCLES



Fall Small Groups Strategy

How do we fulfill our small groups ministry strategy in an abnormal season? In view of obstacles to our regular small group rhythms, we can either wait for normal to return or create a new normal.

Principles:

- **Go smaller** (make groups small enough to meet safely under CDC guidelines)
- **Keep it simple and easily attainable** (make the commitments feel attainable for all)
- **Offer a varied approach** (group make up, format)

● ● ● Who is going to be in your circle this fall? ● ● ●

6 people

Begin your group with six people. These can form out of existing community groups or be brand new. The smaller size enables us to meet safely and leaves room to reach out.

Your 6 could be...

- The men/women only of your existing community group.
- Three couples from your community group.
- Couples and singles from your community group.
- Neighbors, co-workers, or friends you are already spending time with.

*Want to start with five people or seven people? That's ok, we aren't hung up on the number as much as the principle of being a smaller-sized group that can meet safely in current conditions.

4 Commitments

- **Spiritual Devotion** (*Acts 2:42*)
Commit to regular study of God's Word and prayer together.
- **Persistent Gathering** (*Hebrews 10:24-25*)
Commit to consistent and safe gathering whether safely in person or online, or a combination of both.
- **Genuine Care** (*Romans 12:10*)
Commit to love and care for one another (now more than ever).
- **Intentional Impact** (*1 Peter 4:9-10*)
Commit to make a difference through outreach and service. Who can we serve? Who can we invite?

4 Months

Maintain devotion to one another and these commitments From September to December.