



Welcome to Discover Fellowship!

Thank you for joining us in this discover of Fellowship. Anytime you go to a new place, there may be a sense of uncertainty leading to a lot of questions. We want to answer your questions and tell you about who we are. However, we hope you discover a lot more than our church. Our prayer is you discover more about Christ, His church, His Word, His heart, and His mission. We want you to experience the love of Christ here.

As you get to know Fellowship, we want to get to know you during these eight weeks. We hope you feel known, connected, and seen. We want to hear your story, get to know you, and help you find a place to make a difference at Fellowship and in your community. We are so glad you are here as we discover Fellowship together.

The Schedule

Discover Fellowship has two components: the large group sessions and the small group gatherings. The schedule is designed for maximum flexibility. You can enjoy the small group gatherings before or after the large group sessions. You can also build breaks into your small group sessions as needed.

Additionally, the schedule includes a week where your small group leader will choose something unique and special to fit your group. During this “flex week” gathering, you may be spending an evening with a leader from your congregation, another senior leader, or an elder from Fellowship. Or perhaps, a global worker home temporarily from the mission field may visit your group. You could even have a service project during your flex week. This flex week can fit your small group schedule at any point.

A word from our Elders

THANK YOU for embarking on a journey to discover more about Fellowship Bible Church of Northwest Arkansas. We pray that during this series of large and small group meetings you will gain a clear understanding of the purpose of the church and Fellowship's role within the Kingdom of God. While all evangelical churches are under the authority of Jesus Christ (the head of the Church), each local expression of the Church is distinct in philosophy and practice. Discover Fellowship helps to point out some of our own uniqueness and answers the questions, "Who is Fellowship Bible Church of Northwest Arkansas?" and "What is the Biblical basis for Fellowship's style of ministry?".

Making a commitment to join a church family is a big decision and shouldn't be taken lightly. In choosing a church home, you should consider the following:

- *Is Jesus exalted above all?*
- *Is God's Word faithfully taught and lived out by the church leadership and its people?*
- *Will I be challenged to grow spiritually and develop in my knowledge, skill, character, and vision?*
- *Do the people and leadership exhibit a love for God and others (as instructed by Jesus in the Great Commandment—Matthew 22:36-40)?*
- *Will I be equipped and released for Great Commission ministry (Matthew 28:18-20)?*

The Discover process will help you answer the important question, “Should I join Fellowship Bible Church of Northwest Arkansas?”.

We hope and trust that the information presented in Discover Fellowship will help you prayerfully make this decision. And if the answer is “yes,” then we take our responsibility to assist you in your spiritual journey very seriously. We want to help you become a fully devoted follower of Christ and realize the joy of being the person who God has called you to be.

In the weeks ahead we will share how Fellowship approaches ministry and how we use the Bible as our guide for faith and practice. Remember, the way we do things here is not “the” way to carry out the commands of scripture, it is “a” way. We need all of our sister churches who are proclaiming the gospel along with us. What we will share in this process is how the Lord has led our church, at this place and in this time, to do ministry to know Him and make Him known.

At the heart of the Discover experience is each person’s story. We will give everyone the opportunity to share how their story intersected with God’s story when they met Jesus Christ. Knowing one another well is a natural part of being a family. Our stories create the building blocks for such a relationship.

If we can help you beyond Discover Fellowship, please don’t hesitate to ask. We hope you enjoy your journey.

*GOD BLESS,
The Elders of Fellowship Bible Church
of Northwest Arkansas*

