

Philosophy of CARE GROUPS

Christ Fellowship Bible Church

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The early church set the model for believers meeting together regularly and publicly to worship the Risen Christ. Their worship and fellowship did not happen only when they met corporately but they also met from house to house (Acts 2.46). In fact, every day in the Temple and from house to house they kept preaching Jesus as the Christ (Acts 5.42). And Paul reflected on his ministry with the believers and reminded the saints that he taught publicly and from house to house (Acts 20.20).

THE MISSION of the CARE GROUPS

The ministry of CARE GROUPS at CFBC endeavors to glorify God by providing a bi-weekly opportunity for CFBC to meet regularly, to pray fervently, to discuss honestly, and to connect more deeply with one another so as to enhance greater conformity to Christ and encouragement in Christlikeness.

THE GOALS of the CARE GROUPS

- To provide intentional fellowship during the week
- To allow men to lead/provide shepherd-oversight (leadership development)
- To more intimately get to know other believers (in homes)
- To pray for one another & for the ministry of CFBC
- To create deep friendships with one another built upon Christ & His Word
- To teach/equip the saints in a smaller group setting
- To have meals together (periodically) & share lives with others (Titus 2 discipleship)

THE SHEPHERDS of the CARE GROUPS

The men who provide leadership of the CARE GROUPS are men who view this as caring, shepherding, guiding, and ministering to a mini-flock within the flock.

THE FORMAT of the CARE GROUPS

The Care Group shepherd will give guidance on the format of his particular care group. The groups generally will include a time of prayer, fellowship, teaching/discussion, singing. It could include a time of questions/discussion from the previous sermon or the study through a Book of the Bible.

SOME GUIDING PRINCIPLES of the CARE GROUPS

1. The CARE GROUPS should foster, facilitate and encourage personal growth and deepening affection for Jesus Christ and His saving gospel.
2. The CARE GROUPS should create opportunities for fellowship, sharing prayer requests and seeking the face of the Lord in prayer together.
3. The CARE GROUPS should strive to encourage believers in greater holiness, provide a place for believers to serve and demonstrate the 'one-anothers'.