

SMALL GROUPS

*As iron sharpens iron, true Christian
fellowship edifies the soul and
helps deepen spiritual growth.*

Walk with Christ

*Becoming part of the
family at Harvest ...*

To speak to someone about joining a small group, call
the church office or sign up at info@harvestbarrie.ca



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Why are small groups so important?

1. They are biblical. (Acts 2:2; 5:42; 8:3; 12:12; 16:32, 40; 20:20)
2. They are the only way to shepherd the whole flock.
3. They encourage the use of spiritual gifts.
4. They multiply competent ministers.
5. They foster biblical love.
6. They promote fellowship and unity.
7. They nurture passion for Christ, our first love.
8. They encourage holiness and service through accountable relationships.

What about commitment expectations?

Small groups typically meet once a week for three weeks with every fourth week off. Days of the week and times will be determined by individual groups.

Commitments are expressions of group values, expectations or behaviours for which we hold ourselves mutually accountable. We enter into commitment relationships based on mutual acceptance. Commitments are based on love and loyalty and are only valid if both parties seek to fulfill these obligations. A small group and its members need to be committed in order to promote true quality discipleship.

PRIORITY

Our small group will focus our priorities so that while we are in the group, we will give the group meetings priority, and if we are unable to attend or are running late, we will call ahead.

PARTICIPATION

Our small group will encourage participation so that each group member will be prepared to participate in the Bible study discussion and ministry time.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Our small group will strive to maintain confidentiality amongst our members so that anything of a personal nature that is said in the meeting is never repeated outside the meeting.

OPEN CHAIR

Our small group will stay open to new people as long as they agree with the group commitment.

MULTIPLICATION

Our small group will help start or multiply other groups continually, preparing for multiplication every 12-18 months.

APPRENTICE LEADER

Our small group will strive to be growing one or two apprentices (at different states of readiness) at any one given time.

What is the purpose of small groups?

OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT

To help us love God and each other by providing an intimate context for spiritual growth, mutual care, accountable fellowship and the expression of spiritual gifts.

OUR GOAL

The intentional, spiritual development of each disciple according to his or her giftedness in the context of loving, accountable relationships.

How do we accomplish this?

- 1 Through the two non-negotiables of any small group at Harvest:
 - MUTUAL MINISTRY to one another
 - MULTIPLICATION of leadership
- 2 Through the development of quality disciples who exhibit the following characteristics:
 - Is involved with the lost (Matt. 10:1-10)
 - Is teachable (Luke 6:40)
 - Prayer (Luke 11:1)
 - Abides in the Word (John 8:31-32)
 - Loves others (1 Cor. 13:4-7)
 - Bears fruit (John 15:8)

How do I get started?

Register for the next small group orientation session by calling the church office at (705) 739-8613 or registering at info@harvestbarrie.ca

OR

Contact any existing small group leader or flock leader and inquire about joining their group(s).

Thank you for your interest in joining a small group at Harvest Bible Chapel. We can encourage one another in daily devotions, we can have a consistent prayer life and mutual accountability. Small groups focus on quality discipleship.