

Life Groups 2020-21

As Christians we need each other more than ever before. In addition to the spiritual and relational challenges created by COVID-19, our culture is increasingly hostile to Christian faith, and cultural crisis looms, which means we need to pull together with greater depth and preparation for what lies ahead. We need to “love one another earnestly.” (1 Peter 1:22; 4:8)

In an effort to do so, Life Groups at FVC will be inviting anyone who desires to cultivate a deeper commitment to faith in Jesus and strengthening relationships with other disciples of Jesus through the following Life Group structure.

Grouping

- **Registration:** Each person interested in a strengthened commitment to Life Groups will fill out a registration form that asks if they are interested in a men’s group, women’s group, or mixed group. The registration invitation is for anyone who desires the following vision, whether currently in a Life Group or not.
- **Online or In Person** There are two options for Life Groups in the Fall, either to be fully online or fully in person.
- **Intergenerational** These new groups may not be based upon common age or life stage, but are more focused on uniting people together around desire for spiritual growth, which may mean being intergenerational.
- **Facilitation** There is a need for Life Group facilitators. These facilitators will be given a plan of what to do and asked to follow it closely. The two goals of the facilitator are to gather the group and facilitate the conversation provided by FVC leadership.

Structure

Weekly Meeting These new Life Groups will be asked to meet weekly. If we meet weekly for sports and recreational activities we can do it to grow spiritually together. We need deeper spiritual friendships now more than ever.

Rhythm

- Connect (first week) - Missional and Open

- Study (Second Week)
- Transformation (Third Week)
- Study (Fourth Week)
- Rest or Transformation (Fifth Week)

Study Each study and discussion time will be based on the current sermon series at FVC or other material provided. Questions will be distributed each Friday to the facilitators.

Transformation Groups Each group will commit to meeting at least once a month for Transformation groups and follow them as presented in the Transformation Group instructions.

Covenant Both group facilitators and group participants will be asked to sign a covenant of commitment to their roles.