

Small Group Leaders Pit Stop

“Why do we have small groups / home groups?”

Study the Bible

Get to know
people better

Train new
leaders

Pray together

Loving correct
one another

Care for those
in crisis

Evangelism

“That’s what we
have always done”

Other reasons?

BEC’s Core Convictions

1. Christ’s Church

We exist because of Christ - no church without him.

We exist for Christ and his glory.

BEC is his church not ours. He’s the foundation. He calls shots, he’s head, he’s director.

2. Growing Out

Great commission. Not just a holy huddle even as society grows more hostile. We are about reaching out with gospel.

3. Growing Up Together

We’re not just saved as individuals. We’re saved to be God’s people together. All very different but also all one. We all need

each other, we've all got a part to play to help us grow not just numerically but grow in depth and maturity.

What do these core convictions mean for our groups?

1. Christ's Church

Matthew 16:17-18, Ephesians 2:19-21

It's not our group it's his group. So it's not about our agenda, it's about his agenda. The focus should be on what Christ says not what I think. It's not about us putting the world to rights! It's not a debate club/ book club.

2. Growing Out

Matthew 5:13-16 & 28:18-20

Not just a holy huddle. Should be encouraging us to look out. Let your light shine. Encouraging one another to do this but also doing it together. Might look very different for different groups. Some groups might be places that friends could be invited to, e.g. ladies bible study evangelistic course. Others might be different. Socials where non-christians could join in? Perhaps we need an attitude shift from 'our group' → 'his group.'

3. Growing Up Together

Romans 8:28-29, 2 Corinthians 3:17-18, Ephesians 4:11-16, Colossians 1:28-29, James 1:2-4

What is the goal for our groups? What are we aiming for?

(Try and be as concrete as possible)

Rom 8 - conformed to image of Jesus

2 Cor 3 - Transformed into his image and glory

Eph 4 - built up, serving one another, unity in the faith and knowledge of Jesus, mature, attaining to full measure of Christ. No longer infants tossed around.

Col 1 - mature in Christ.

James 1 - mature and complete lacking nothing

How is this going to happen?

Rom 8 - God's plan

2 Cor 3 - By Spirit as contemplate the lord's glory.

Eph 4 - Speaking truth in love, serving one another, everyone involved.

Col 1 - hard work, proclaiming, teaching, admonishing, with power of Christ in us.

James 1 - through trials producing perseverance

Look back to the different reasons we have groups. How might some of these help us to achieve our goal?

With your co-leader...

Review your role as a group leader. What is your role? Do you need to change the way you go about your role?

Review how your group functions. Are there one or two things that you could do to help your group to be better at growing towards maturity?

Spend time praying for yourselves and your group and the changes that you are going to make.