

FACILITATING A COMMUNITY GROUP

PURPOSE OF FACILITATOR:

Fostering a Gospel community where people can gather, pray, share and know/be known.



FACILITATING IN GROUP

- Facilitate sermon discussion
- Take prayer requests
- Be on the lookout for and give opportunities to potential facilitators
- Lead a service opportunity once a year



CARING FOR YOUR GROUP

- Seek to engage members outside of the regular meeting time.
- Model and foster a culture of “one-anothering”, so that group members learn to relate as friends, family and servants
- Cultivate an outward-facing group with an eye for the outsider
- Recognize when your group needs to multiply



DELEGATING ADMIN TASKS

- Delegate tasks that help build a cohesive and cooperative group. We do not intend for all of the administrative tasks to fall on the facilitator. Ideally, you only facilitate!
 - Coordinate meeting times and locations
 - Coordinate meal/food schedule for each week as needed
 - Arrange childcare as needed
- Respond to visitors emails in a timely manner
- Ensure CG details on Church center are correct



ENGAGING IN TRAINING & LEADERSHIP

- Attend ReGroup twice a year
- Communicate with elder and deacon assigned to your group
- Ask for help if you have a question, concern or feel overwhelmed

PREREQUISITES

- Member in good standing
- Complete CG orientation
- Recommended by a CG facilitator, deaconess, officer, or staff
- Previous CG participation
- Have helped facilitate



WHAT IS A CG?

Community groups are small groups of DPC members and visitors that meet regularly in a nearby home to experience true fellowship: learning and praying together, knowing and connecting with each other's real lives, and emphasizing a missional connection with neighbors and the Greenville community.



FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

- 3x/month
- Various nights of the week, including some Sunday afternoons



FORMAT OF MEETINGS

- Fellowship (*meal/snacks can help cultivate this, but aren't required*)
- Sermon discussion
- Prayer
- Groups aim to meet for about 1½ - 2 hours
- 8-14 adults is an ideal number for discussion and sharing



ANNUAL SCHEDULE

- September-Early December
- January-Early May
- Check in over the summer (*some groups meet more frequently*)

READY TO TALK MORE

If you are interested in facilitating or learning more about Community Groups, contact Sam Taaffe at sam@downtownpres.org or 769-233-4308