



Restoration Christian
Church-VA

Micro-Church Bible Study Fellowship (Small Groups)

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What is a Micro-Church (Small Group) Bible Study Fellowship?

- a. The New Testament approach to discipleship and fellowship
- b. A small group environment to study and grow in the Word of God
- c. A small group connected and submitted to a larger church, hence deriving the name “Micro-Church” or “Small Group”

What happens at Micro-Church Bible Study and Fellowship?

We must understand that church worship services were never intended to be an event where people attend and watch, but a gathering time where **everyone** engaged with one another through teaching, praying, sharing, encouraging, loving, serving and building up one another.

As we return to 1st century ministry in the 21st century church, we want to utilize some of the tried-and-true practices /strategies that worked well.

In these micro-church groups, people will:

- Meet and Greet/Fellowship
- Study the scriptures using the "Thirty Discipleship Exercises" book
- Share in meals, musical worship and pray together

The beauty of a micro-church is that it is very quick and easy to discover what the group wants to do for maximum participation.



Micro-Church Focus / Objective:

Worship: Hearing Voice of God/Honoring the Lord/Obedience and Love

Community: Sharing the Gospel/Multiplying believers/Disciple making

Missions: Demonstrating Love of God/Coaching Maturity/Agape Love

Fellowship: Intentional Relationship Building and Church Growth

Going and Sharing the Love of Christ

Reaching new people for the Gospel is the natural and expected response when the micro-church leaves the gathering and returns into the world. As each disciple is reminded of their personal responsibility to make disciples when the micro-church meets, more people will begin to hear about the love of Christ.

Intentionally Multiplying Disciples: Our primary task as believers in this world is to share the love of Christ and make disciples. By making disciples and teaching them how to make disciples, many more people will find hope and faith in Christ. Multiplication is in the DNA of every micro-church.



What is the purpose and focus of the Micro-Church Bible Study Fellowship?

Its Purpose is Four-Fold:

- 1) **Discovery**
(What does God say?)
- 2) **Understanding**
(What does the scripture mean?)
- 3) **Application**
(How can this affect my life?)
- 4) **Sharing the Word**
(Where can we share the love of Christ?)



Who can be a Micro-Church Bible Study Leader?

- ⤴ Person or persons designated by Senior Leadership
- ⤴ Person or persons demonstrating consistency, growth and active participation in group
- ⤴ Person or persons with desire to start a group in their community

Where will the Micro- Church Groups Meet?

- ⤴ Homes
- ⤴ Beaches
- ⤴ Internet (Zoom)
- ⤴ Church (RCCVA)
- ⤴ Community/Community Centers
- ⤴ Restaurants
- ⤴ Wherever Group Leader and Group Decide

Micro-churches may meet in front yards, on back porches, in parks, around kitchen tables, in living rooms or online.

While these missional gatherings may be a new experience of being the Church for you - it's something very old!

KEEP IN MIND: The New Testament Church we read about in Acts and throughout the Epistles met together in missional communities - gathering households of moms, dads, kids, servants, extended family and neighbors. Each participant actively engaged in the gathering.





What Days and Times Will the Groups Meet?

- a. Groups will meet on the designated date and time that works best for the leader's schedule (Should be consistent date for continuity)
- b. Never at the same time as RCC Corporate services
- c. Dates and times will be posted on RCC website link for each group
- d. Does not have to be a Sunday or Wednesday

How Will People Connect to a Group?

- a. By personal invitation
- b. By selecting a group from the online portal and clicking the **REQUEST TO JOIN** button
- c. Group leader will send confirmation of acceptance into the group and details on where the group will be meeting
- d. Online groups will confirm acceptance and send zoom link out for the group meeting



How will group members receive the curriculum?

- a. Book can be purchased from RCCVAs Online Resource Center at rccva.church and mailed
- b. Book can be ordered online from Amazon or any site of choice
- c. Book can be emailed via *pdf* file or downloaded from the internet -*thirtydiscipleshipexercises.pdf*

What is the cost of the book via RCCs Online Resource Center?

- a. \$5 if ordered from RCCs Online Resource Center at www.rccva.church – Click Resource Center
- b. \$5 is the going rate if ordered from other online sites
- c. Free if printed from link provided

What Can the Groups Do on Their Community Outings?

- Have Fun / Eat
- Share the gospel (Using the Bible Test App on their phones for engagement and consistency across groups)
- Whatever the group leader decides, and creativity is highly encouraged
- Micro-churches engage in worship of God in many different forms. Some worship with songs, the recitation of Scripture, or even recounting all of the things God is doing. In these regular gatherings, much time is dedicated to prayer. Worship naturally leads to prayer and prayer orients our hearts toward God and His purposes before we begin discovering God's Word. The habit of reading Scripture and meeting God in His Word is a key focus of the Christian life.

Micro-churches encourage accountability and the daily reading of Scripture.

How Often Will Groups Meet?

- No More than 2 Times per Month
- One Meeting for Small Group Bible Study
- Second Meeting for Community Engagement / Fellowship / Discipleship Making



What type of community events will the online groups be able to conduct since they don't live in the same vicinity or state?

- They will need to be creative and use technology as an instrument to do fun things
- The focus will be primarily getting to know each other and staying connected from afar
- They will brainstorm ideas together

Will there be opportunities to give/sow during the group meetings?

Yes, and it should be encouraged.

The website will have the online giving link and the text-to-give information should be made available to groups

Will group leaders be paid for leading the groups?

No, however seeds will be sown occasionally

Will the Micro-Church Bible Studies replace midweek services at RCCVA?

No, RCCVA Corporate Services Take Precedent





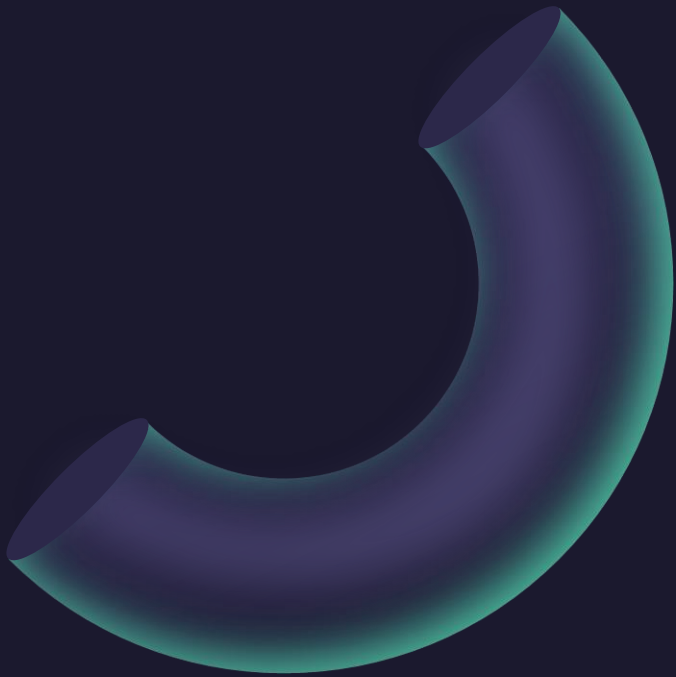
Will the groups be age specific?

Yes and No - Most groups will form with an intergenerational focus of studying the word across age and gender. Some groups will focus on age specific demographics (i.e. young adult groups or eventually senior or teen groups).

Who will monitor the groups to make sure they are flowing according to purpose and maintain discipleship focus?

We will assemble a team to monitor and answer specific questions from group leaders.

All issues or concerns that arise in groups will be answered primarily by Senior Leadership and the Group Leaders.



Can a person change groups after they have connected to a previous group?

Yes, but it shouldn't be a frequent pattern. We recognize all groups won't be a good fit for every participant and the objective is to get them connected

If a person is no longer with RCC, can they remain in their group?

Yes. The focus is on unity and discipleship more so than church membership (So long as they are not disruptive or presenting conduct detrimental to the group and/or leadership)