

Green Valley Church HOMEGROUPS

Our Purpose at GVC We exist at Green Valley Church to invite isolated and busy people to become connected and focused followers of Jesus Christ. We believe we do that by being:

- Focused by Scripture
- Serving Through Strengths
- Unhurried in Relationships
- Enthusiastically Inviting Others To Do the Same



What's a Greenhouse?

Green•house: (grēn'hou̇s,) –noun, plural -hou̇ses
A warm, safe, transparent environment where growth is accelerated.

At Green Valley Church our Greenhouses are rooted in Scripture and life application. They are limited to a small group of people committed to building supportive, **UNHURRIED RELATIONSHIPS** that foster spiritual transformation.

We were made for community and here at Green Valley Church, we believe that in order to grow spiritually, individuals should participate in a Greenhouse Environment. These Greenhouses are places where people fellowship and grow together as disciples of Jesus Christ, in a comfortable, non-threatening environment centered on the Bible and energized by the support of others committed to personal growth.

Small groups are like living things in that they are constantly developing. When you watch the growth of a garden, you can see different stages and seasons. There are new shoots of understanding, spurts of personal growth, and times of correction and pruning. In a similar way, our small groups see this spiritual change occur over time in the maturity of its members. We believe when you Velcro people to one another and God's Word, they will grow!

Who participates?

People at all stages of the Christian experience, from beginners to veterans. People of various ages and backgrounds, both single and married. Our groups are formed based on life stage and common interests.

When and where will we meet?

The groups will meet once a week, and we meet for 7-10 weeks at a time (Three sessions, Fall, Winter, & Spring), and take the summer months off. At the end of each session, you will have the choice of staying in the same group, trying a new group, or even taking a break. HomeGroups meet in homes within the North San Diego County and our Bible studies meet at the church.

What is the required commitment?

Joining a group requires a 7 to 12 week commitment to attend weekly meetings and do the homework ahead of time. Obviously, allowances are made for sickness, vacation, work conflicts and other special events, but not much more. This commitment is the key to a strong small group. You have the first three weeks to attend the group to make sure it's a good fit for you.

What about childcare?

Greenhouses are for adults only. (Exceptions can be made for nursing newborns, up to six months.) We leave it up to each family to work out their own child care. Sometimes it works best for families to share a sitter or to swap child care with another family whose small group meets on a different evening. (We do have child care available for the Thursday morning Women's Bible Study that meets at the church.)

How do I choose a group?

When selecting a group, we strongly recommend you choose a group based on its leader-host team and stage-in-life, rather than its location. Over the years, we've found that groups do best when members share a common stage-in-life and other interests with their leaders, hosts and other group members. In the end, you'll find it's worth the drive!

What does it cost?

Few things in life are free and our Greenhouse groups are no exception! The cost of small groups is the cost of commitment. Part of that commitment is the promise to attend each week and to complete the homework. You have the first three weeks to decide if your group is a good fit for you. When you join a group, you're promising to attend and be prepared each week. It's this commitment that makes our Greenhouses work. We realize it's a big commitment, but it only lasts for 7-10 weeks. At the end of each session, you have the choice of recommitting for another session, trying a new group, or taking a break from the group altogether.

How do I sign up for a group?

Before each session begins there are three ways to sign up for a group - online, at our Sunday services, or by contacting the church office during the weeks before each of our sessions. There are three sign up weekends before the beginning of each session.

If you have any questions (especially if you are new to Green Valley Church), please don't hesitate to contact the church, and we will gladly assist you. Keep in mind that it might take two or three groups before you find the perfect fit, but don't worry, you'll find it!

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FIND A PLACE RIGHT WHERE YOU FIT AND START GROWING TODAY.