

What people are saying about

Faith Groups

“Our Faith Group is a very social group – and by that I mean that we spend a lot of time together socially outside of our Faith Group meetings. We have become a support system for each other.”

“One of the things our Faith Groups looks forward to every fall is praying over the kids in our group as they head back to school or college.”

“We are committed to each other. We enjoy being together and there is real acceptance of each person and where they are in their faith journey.”

“Last year we focused on serving together as families in a Faith Group. Each month one person was in charge of organizing a project for the group. We really enjoyed involving our younger kids in serving.”

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God is calling us to reach deeper into our congregation and further out into our community to better know and care for one another. Faith Groups are one place where the Immanuel Community cares for each other.



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What are Faith Groups?

Faith Groups are small groups of people who meet on a regular basis to care for each other and encourage each other to grow in faith. Groups are formed around a common interest, stage of life, or a shared need.

What do Faith Groups do?

Faith Groups gather about once a month at a mutually agreed upon time and place. Groups decide on their own outline for meetings, but generally the time together includes:

- Caring Conversation – sharing what is going on in daily life
- Devotions – a short Bible study, book study or faith talk
- Service – working together to serve the larger Kingdom
- Rituals and Traditions – this may include a meal, a time of prayer, a shared way of beginning and ending the meeting time, etc

Who leads the Faith Groups?

Each Faith Group has a volunteer Leader who commits to helping the group find a time and place to meet, who serves as the communication link between the Faith Group and the church, and who facilitates the planning for each meeting. Most groups share the responsibility of leading the devotion or Bible Study at the monthly meeting. Resources and support are available from the Coordinator of Inreach and Outreach.

Why should I join a Faith Group?

Immanuel is a big place and there are lots of people here! While the congregation is known for being friendly, there comes a time when most people want to be known on a more intimate level by others. It is in these more personal relationships that we feel cared for and loved within the larger community. Faith Groups provide a place where people can build ongoing relationships within the congregation and give participants the opportunity to reach deeper into their faith.

How do I join a Faith Group?

There is a place for everyone! To join a Faith Group, or start a new one, please complete the interest form in this brochure and return it to the church office or contact Kim Rathjen, Coordinator of Inreach and Outreach at Immanuel, at kim@immanuel.us.

Faith Group Interest Form

Name (first and last) _____

Email address _____

Telephone # _____ (home or cell?)

I am interested in:

- ___ Joining a Faith Group
- ___ Starting a new Faith Group
- ___ Moving from my current Faith Group to another one

My main interests for a Faith Group are:

- ___ Bible or Book Study
- ___ Caring Conversation
- ___ Service
- ___ Prefer no alcohol
- ___ Christian Parenting
- ___ Single
- ___ Young Marrieds
- ___ People with kids the same age as mine : _____
- ___ Empty Nesters
- ___ Grandparents
- ___ Retired people

Return this completed form to the Church Office.