



COMMUNITY GROUP FAQs

What Is a Community Group?

A Community Group (CG) is generally made up of 8-14 people who meet weekly to study, to share, and to support one another in their Christian lives. Each group is led by a trained leader. A typical meeting lasts about an hour and a half, followed by light refreshments.

How Long Does A Community Group Session Last?

Each CG session lasts for 10 weeks. At the end of each session, you have the choice of staying in the same group, trying a new group, or even taking a break. Most groups stay together throughout the entire year. However, groups do not meet mid-June through August, though some continue to meet informally or socially through the summer. There is a break in December as well.

What Is The Required Commitment?

Joining a Community Group requires a 10 week commitment to attend the weekly meetings and to do the homework ahead of time. Of course an occasional absence may be unavoidable, but we have found that this commitment is the key to strong relationships and healthy groups.

What About Childcare?

We leave it up to each group & family to work out its own childcare. Sometimes it works best for families to share a sitter or to swap childcare with another family whose group meets on a different evening or time. Some groups have the children gather with them for prayer before they begin their discussion and send the children off to play in a different area of the home. What a great example it sets for your kids to know their parents are a part of a community that values spiritual growth.

What Will We Study?

The studies are based on the previous weekend's sermon. Each week there will be a series of Bible texts and questions to study and complete before your meeting. The homework is included in your worship folder and online at shoresvb.com. It will usually take 20 to 30 minutes to complete the homework.

How Do I Sign Up?

Sign-ups begin 4 weeks before the start of each new session (in September, January, and March). You can sign up at shoresvb.com.

When and Where Do These Groups Meet?

Our Community Groups meet at various times and locations throughout the week. A complete list of available groups will be listed in the sign up form at shoresvb.com and will include the leaders, locations, and times.