

Small Group Sunday 2017_Reasons YOU Need a SG HEBREWS 10:23-25

Spend any significant time around GFC and you discover, Small Groups is not something we seek to do. **We are a church of SGs**, not a church that simply does SG as one of our programs. Have you ever wondered, WHY?

Two REASONS you need to plug into SG

1. You need significant Christian relationships

GOD DESIGNED US TO BE IN COMMUNITY.

At GFC, it is vital for your growth and it is fundamental in how we approach growing as believers.

Most people will not stay in church without the thing that usually brings them:

- About 90% of church attenders came because of Sunday preaching/teaching/music but less than half stay because of it.
- Nearly 70% stay because of connection to groups/ministries.

2. Becoming a mature believer requires that you engage in “one another”, life on life experiences.

There are three things you need as a believer; you need to grow, you need to mature, and you need to serve.

1. You need the BIBLE to GROW
2. You need the BIBLE and other believers up close to MATURE

There is a difference between being a knowledgeable Christian and a mature one.

Maturing means you are learning to walk out your faith, with other believers...both being invested in and giving to the benefit of others...the ONE ANOTHERING you need to receive and give.

One Dozen “One Another” Directives

- Love one another (John 13:34, 15:12) - *THIS IS THE HUG; we all need hugs. It is difficult to hug ourselves.*
- Outdo one another in showing honor (Romans 12:10)
- Live in harmony with one another (Romans 12:16)
- Comfort and agree with one another (2 Corinthians 13:11)

- Serve one another (John 13:1-20; Galatians 5:13)
- Bear one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2) - *THIS IS THE KICK IN THE PANTS; we all need it from time to time. And, LIKE THE HUG, we cannot do it effectively ourselves.*
- Forgive one another (Ephesians 4:32)
- Submit to one another (Ephesians 5:21)
- Be honest with one another (Colossians 3:9)
- Encourage one another (1 Thessalonians 5:11)
- Confess to one another (James 5:16)
- Pray for one another (James 5:16)