

CARING FOR SMALL GROUP MEMBERS | FOR GROUP LEADERS

Small groups are the first responders for their group members.

The role of a first responder is to:

- Pray for group members
 - As a group and individually, pray for your group, and all other groups.
 - Pray for church staff and volunteers.
- Help the group members feel loved and cared for.
 - If a member is dealing with a trial or struggle, send them a card from the group or give them a call and have others call them.
 - Let group members know you are praying for them.
 - Look for other opportunities for your group to help and support each other.
 - Ask members of your group to pitch in and help a member in need.
- Notify the church so they can assist in caring, if the member is okay with this.
 - Visit members when they are sick or in crisis.
 - With the member's permission, contact the Care Team at care@gracechurchco.com to let them know about the situation.
- Be the first people notified when help is needed.
 - Make sure that everyone in your group has everyone else's information.
- Provide meals in times of need (new baby, illness, surgery, etc.).
- Check in on each other.
 - If a member misses small group, call to check in on them. Let them know they are missed.
 - Build relationships beyond your group time.

Make sure that all group members are aware of the following:

- All conversations within your small group time, including prayer requests, are confidential and will not be shared outside of your small group.
- Even when you add prayer requests in Grace Connect or the LEAD app and they are shared with the Small Group Director, these are still considered confidential and will not be shared with any other staff members or teams.
- If a member needs the care of Grace Church, they need to contact the Care Team. See information on how to do this below.

Let your group members know how Grace Church cares for people

Let the church know you need help by:

- Calling the office at 720-895-9000 – they will direct your call to the correct team
- Emailing care@gracechurchco.com.
- Fill out a prayer request at a weekend service or on our website at gracechurchco.com/prayerrequest.

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What type of help is available:

- Support Classes & Groups
 - We offer these in Spring and Fall sessions, covering a variety of topics.
 - Register at gracechurchco.com/support.
- Membership Classes & Christian Education Classes
 - Learn how to go on your discipleship journey and grow closer to Christ.
 - Register at gracechurchco.com/classes.
- Celebrate Recovery
 - For every type of hurt, habit, or hang-up
 - Find more information at gracechurchco.com/celebraterecovery.
- Prayer Requests
 - Fill out an on-line prayer request at gracechurchco.com/prayerrequest.
 - Prayer is not the “least” we can do, it puts your problems in the hands of the God of the universe. Prayer should always be the *first* thing we do!
- Pastoral Guidance & Support through our Care Team
 - Speak with a pastor to find guidance with life struggles.
 - They can provide referrals to Christian Counseling.
- Life Events
 - Marriage
 - Premarital classes and guidance
 - Off-site wedding officiant
 - Illness/End of Life Care
 - Prayer and support during health crises
 - Off-site memorials
 - Milestones
 - Baptism
 - Celebrations of various milestones in your life or your child’s life
- Financial Hardship
 - Money Mentors budget creation support
 - Classes
 - Financial Peace
 - When Money Talks
 - Pay It Forward
 - Emergency financial help for church members who meet eligibility requirements.

For more details on how the church can care for you, visit the *Care* page on our website gracechurchco.com/care.