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# defining small groups

## OUR PURPOSE & MISSION

### Our Purpose

Connecting people of all walks of life so they can pursue God together and work towards fulfilling their purposes of **G**lorifying God, **R**elating to others, **A**cting more like Jesus, **C**aring for others and **E**xpressing God's love.

### Our Mission

Hope for Everyone and a Home for Anyone.

Healthy Groups = Healthy Church

## WHAT SHOULD A SMALL GROUP BE?

- A place to belong
- A place that is safe
- A place to learn and grow
- A place to connect with other people
- A place to share life experiences, struggles and victories

## What do people want from a Small Group?

- To grow spiritually & become more like Christ
- To be cared for
- To know their life matters
- To make a difference in someone's life
- To make life-long relationships

## OUR VISION & HISTORY

Grace Church has continued to grow since its inception in 1989, confirming the need to "grow smaller, as we grow larger". In 1997 Grace started its Small Group Ministry. It is the philosophy of Grace that the Pastors' job is to equip the people to do the work, enabling Small Group Hosts to step up and care for a smaller group of people. Each small group member of Grace benefits beyond measure as their life is enriched through fellowship, accountability, and spiritual growth.