



I. LifeGroup DNA

What is the Purpose of Parkway LifeGroups?

1. Discipleship
2. Reaching
3. Connection

Matthew 28:18-20

What is a Parkway LifeGroup?

Parkway LifeGroups are a gathering of three to ten people who meet weekly on a semester-based schedule for the purpose of (1) prayer, (2) care, (3) fellowship, (4) discipleship (5) Bible study

What does a healthy LifeGroup look like?

1. Looking more like Jesus step-by-step
2. Engaged in God's word. (Knowing it and growing in it)
3. People, People, People. Is your group closer and do you know your group members well.
4. Your group is engaged in (1) prayer (2) care, (3) fellowship, (4) discipleship (5) Bible study
5. Your group is a multiplying group. Ask yourself, "How am I going to multiply my group into other groups?"
6. Your group is raising up new leaders. Ask yourself, "What am I doing to produce new leaders within my group?"

II. Starting Up

Starting your group:

1. We have prepared a Parkway Bible Study Guide for each LifeGroup to walk through together.
2. We are starting our off campus groups on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
3. Find three others that would be willing to start the group with you. (4 & 4 more)
4. At this point it is time for you and your co-leader to reach out to others that might benefit most from studying alongside your group.

Can I meet off-campus?

Of course you can. Off campus groups are a great way to maximize the space we have at the church. The more off campus groups we have the more space we can utilize at the church building.

However, we never want our off campus groups to become independent house churches, we want to constantly tie our groups back into the life of Parkway Baptist Church by inviting them to weekend worship services and other events of Parkway life.

Who do I go to for support?

There are two different avenues for support. Please feel free to contact Colton (colton@pbcsmyrna.org // (615) 612-9741) with any question or concerns you may have. We will also be enlisting coaches for each group. Your coach will be there to pray for and support your group's vision and goals.

When do we meet?

- Winter semester is Feb 5 – March 25 (7 Weeks)
- Spring semester is April 9 – June 3 (7 Weeks)
- Fall semester is Sep. 4 – Nov 26 (12 weeks)

Breaks between semesters are not required but do allow for clear starting and stopping times and allow leaders to take rest times in between group meetings.

III. Where do we go from this conversation?

First steps:

Pray over this opportunity for a week, feel free to ask me any questions or share any concerns, and finally let me know if you are still interested in leading a LifeGroup for the upcoming semester. If so, we can get you set up and ready. If not, we will check back with you for the next semester.

Important Notes:

- We want to be a church of LifeGroups, not with LifeGroups.
- Every group has different methods, but we all must have the same DNA mentioned above.