

# Calvary Groups FAQ

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## **1. WHAT IS A CALVARY GROUP?**

Most of our Groups are made up of 8 to 12 people who want to grow spiritually and connect with some friends who are going in the same direction. Sometimes the best description is simply a group of people who gather to grow spiritually & connect relationally.

## **2. WHY SHOULD I JOIN A CALVARY GROUP?**

First, you will connect as friends who are part of a community rather than just being a face in the crowd, second you will grow spiritually and finally you get the opportunity to engage with others on their spiritual journey.

## **3. HOW OFTEN DOES A CALVARY GROUP MEET?**

Our groups meet weekly and meet on a predictable day and time (i.e., Tuesdays from 7-9pm). Groups are on a semester schedule and meet 8 weeks at a time. We offer three semesters throughout the year (Jan-Mar; Apr-June; Sept-Nov)

## **4. WHAT HAPPENS AT A GROUP MEETING?**

Every group is different but there are some common threads. Most groups have a time for just hanging out, talking about the week and what's going on in life. The central component is a study of something relevant to the members of the group. Our groups are designed to facilitate friendship, encourage discussion, and help us to pray and serve in community and engage each person in the process.

## **5. HOW LONG DOES A TYPICAL GROUP STAY TOGETHER?**

Our groups meet in three 8-week semesters throughout the year (Feb.-Apr.; Mid-Apr. – Mid-June; Mid-Sept – Dec). This allows leaders and members to meet and then have a break, which is good for learning and good for the soul. You could join a group for as little as 8 weeks, and change to a new group, or you can stay with the same group for as long as you like.

## **6. WHERE DO GROUPS MEET?**

Most of our groups meet in homes. A few of our groups meet in local restaurants, coffee shops and office buildings.

We also have Topic-Based Groups that meet at Calvary on Monday nights at 6:30pm. These groups are short-term 6-8 week groups focused on a specific topic. Topical studies offered are Marriage, P

## **7. WHAT IF I DON'T LIKE THE FIRST GROUP I TRY?**

We want to encourage you to give the group you try a couple visits. Anytime you're trying something new, it may need to grow on you. In addition, it may take a couple of times to begin to feel like you're in the right place. But at the same time, we want you to find a group that fits you! So don't be afraid to get a second opinion if you don't really feel good about the group you try.

## **8. IS THERE CHILDCARE AVAILABLE?**

Every group deals with childcare in its own way. Some of the groups go in together and make arrangements for a babysitter, some groups are kid-friendly, some provide childcare for everyone, while others may ask each person to make their own arrangements.

## 9. HOW DO I GET INTO A GROUP?

- (1) Go to the [Find a Group](#) on Calvary PSL's groups page to sign up
- (2) Request information by filling out your Connect Card during a weekend service.
- (3) Stop by the Next Steps Area in the Foyer at any weekend service and we will get you connected into a group that's right for you!
- (4) Twice a year (January & September) we have Group Connect Sunday, which is a 90 minute fun & interactive event designed to help you find a group.

## 10. CAN I START MY OWN GROUP?

Yes. We love it when people are interested in hosting a group of their own.

If you do want to start your own group, please read the Leader Qualifications below, then contact us so we can help you get your group up and running.

### GROUP LEADERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

1. A committed follower of Jesus.
2. Attends Calvary PSL faithfully.
3. Heart for helping people connect relationally & grow spiritually.
4. Willing to open your home or partner with a host home for at least 8 weeks.

### Have Questions? Need Help?

Contact [lifegroups@calvarypsl.org](mailto:lifegroups@calvarypsl.org) and we'll get back to you soon!