

THE PURPOSE OF GROWTH GROUPS



Growth Groups exist to help you grow in three areas: *In the Word*, *In Relationships* and *In Service* (Hebrews 10:24-25 and Acts 2:42).

Growth Groups are designed to promote spiritual and relationship growth and here's how it will happen:

Share

Each week groups take time to share what is happening in their lives. At first this sharing will include some planned "sharing questions." But after the first few weeks, it will become more informal and personal as groups feel more safe and comfortable.

Study

Each week groups study portions from God's Word and discuss questions that relate to the previous weekend's sermon. The goal is to learn how to apply what we've learned and live out our faith in our everyday life.

Support

Each week groups learn how to take care of one another as Christ commanded in John 15:9-13. This care takes many forms such as prayer, encouragement, listening, challenging one another, and meeting each other's real needs.

Serve

Spiritual growth is fostered not only by what we gain through the support and input of others, but also through serving others and sharing our faith. During our time together we will adopt an FBC Global Worker family and participate in at least two S2 Opportunities where we serve others, share the Gospel and make a difference for God's Kingdom. To help, FBC will provide some opportunities to consider.

Next Week: Romans 12:1

Starting **Sunday, October 1**, the **8:45 a.m.** services worship will be acoustic style. **10:45 a.m.** services will remain the same.

Come laugh with us at a Comedy Date Night on **Friday, October 6** in the Main Auditorium. Tickets are \$35/couple online.



BECOMING *Authentic* DISCIPLES

#1 – God's Dream For Your Life
Romans 12 Overview

Pastor Shawn Peterson
September 10, 2017

5 Key Relationships

1) Relationship with _____: _____ to God. Romans 12:1

2) Relationship with the _____: _____ from the world.
Romans 12:2

3) Relationship with _____: _____ in self-assessment.
Romans 12:3-8

4) Relationship with _____: _____ in love.
Romans 12:9-13

5) Relationship with _____: _____
_____ to evil with good. Romans 12:14-21





Growth Group Preparation Questions

For the week of September 10, 2017

Welcome to the Fall Growth Group Session and the Becoming Authentic Disciples Series!

This week kicks off the Fall Growth Group session at Foothills Bible Church. We are excited that you are in a G2 and are praying that you have a great time with your group as you become authentic disciples together!

If you didn't get a chance to join a Growth Group yet, go online or give the church a call this week and we'll help you get plugged in.

Your first meeting will include refreshments, a chance to get acquainted or catch up, and some time to discuss your G2 Commitment and the Growth Group Questions (G2Qs). The G2Qs are a little shorter this week to allow your group to do this.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Spend time getting to know each other. Even if your group was together last year, take this time to catch up and share something new about yourself!

1. The Basics - each person share:
 - Your name and some family information
 - What keeps you busy during the week
 - Your favorite hobby or leisure activities
 2. What is one fun memory you made over the summer?
 3. When growing up, what did it mean to be a good Christian? Was it more grace oriented or more performance oriented?
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GROWTH GROUP COMMITMENT

Growth Groups thrive on participation, trust, and knowing what to expect. Take time as a group to discuss the Growth Group Commitment. Even if you have done this before, it's always good to review it and recommit to each other so that everyone is on the same page.

DIGGING DEEPER

After discussing your plans and commitments as a Growth Group, here are additional questions you can talk through as a group:

1. True or False: Most Christians don't live like Christians. Explain why.
2. According to Romans 12, being an authentic disciple has a lot to do with relationships. Besides "relational" what are other words that people may say are first and foremost in being a good Christian?
3. The natural outcome of understanding the mercies of God (see Romans 8:1, 15-17, 29, 33-34, 38-39) is a desire to become an authentic disciple of Jesus. Describe what you think it means to be an "authentic" disciple.

From John 15:1-13 what does Jesus say it looks like?

4. Being authentic begins when we are honest about who we really are. Each week during this series there will be a question asking for honest self-assessment. Here's this week's:
In general, how would you rate yourself in being an authentic disciple?
 5. At this point in your life, is your pressing need to learn more or to practice what you have already learned? Why?
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TAKING IT HOME

Part of what God uses to make us authentic disciples is authentic relationships with others. Growth Groups can be great for this. Who else in your life has a significant impact on your walk with Christ? Who is speaking into your life right now? Write down some names of people you could ask to walk through life with you.