

## 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 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.

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**Next Week:** Matthew 6:10

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A Baptism Class will be held on **Sunday, January 28** at **8:45 a.m.** Baptisms will be on **Sunday, February 18**. Sign up online.

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#1 - Our Father  
Matthew 6:9

Pastor Shawn Peterson  
January 14, 2018

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2 Right Bases  
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# Growth Group Preparation Questions

For the week of January 14, 2018

## Welcome to the Winter Growth Group Session!

This week kicks off the Winter 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 grow in the *Word, Relationships* and *Serving*.

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.

Use the following to learn about those in your group, to get ready for your group's discussion, and dig deeper into and apply some of the sermon topics.

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### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Spend some 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. What did you do over the Christmas break?
  2. When was a time you got attention but were embarrassed to get it?
  3. What purchase or gift that was \$100 or less has most improved your life in the last year or recent memory?
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### GROWTH GROUP COMMITMENT

Growth Groups thrive on trust and participation! Take some time as a group and discuss the Growth Group Commitment. Even if you have done this before, it's always good to review it and recommit to each other.

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### GOING DEEPER

1. When, where or how did you learn to pray?

2. What is your understanding or description of a good prayer life? Does it require a certain frequency, style, verbiage, format, etc.?

3. What would you say is your main goal when you pray?

How does this reveal either a love or transactional relationship with God?

4. In Matthew 6:9 Jesus teaches us to address God lovingly as Father. In what ways has your relationship with your earthly father influenced the way you relate to God as Father? Are there specific obstacles hindering you from interacting with God intimately?

5. Read Isaiah 6:5, Acts 9:4, Revelation 1:17 and note how people's interactions with God were impacted because of God's holiness. How does understanding and acknowledging God's holiness affect your interactions with Him?

6. How can you begin to approach God as a loving Father and infinitely holy?

### TAKING IT HOME

1. Memorize Matthew 6:9-13 - The Lord's Prayer
2. Write out some words that are on your heart now that worship God as holy.