

Frequently Asked Questions

ABOUT CONNECT GROUPS

What is a CONNECT GROUP?

A Connect Group is a small group, made up of 10-14 people, who meet weekly for fellowship, study of the Scriptures, sharing and mutual encouragement. Each group is led by a trained leader and host couple. An average meeting would last for an hour and a half.

Why does CROSSROADS have CONNECT GROUPS?

Connect Groups are absolutely essential to the life and ministry of Crossroads. They frame the essence of our discipleship strategy as a church. We are committed to becoming genuine followers of Christ who make disciples for Christ. Our mission statement explains that Crossroads is all about “connecting people to God and to one another.” We are here to help people make the connection with God and with other fully-devoted followers of Christ. That happens best when people are able to develop significant relationships with others.

What is the GOAL of CONNECT GROUPS?

Our desire is for Connect Groups to be where the real ministry of the church takes place (Ephesians 4:11-16) as we study God’s Word and apply it to our lives by ministering to one another. Our goal is to have 80 percent of our adults involved in a Connect Group, on a weekly basis, every year.

What is the HOPE of CONNECT GROUPS?

Our hope is that each Connect Group will pray for each member of their respective group regularly, meet one another’s needs, minister to one another when crises arise, visit one another in the hospital if a member is admitted, and love and encourage one another.

When and where do CONNECT GROUPS meet?

Connect Groups meet different nights of the week in homes throughout the Dallas/Ft. Worth metroplex. Most groups meet from 7-8:30 p.m. Times for daytime groups vary.

How long do CONNECT GROUPS last?

Each Connect Group season lasts 8-10 weeks. Every year we’ll have spring, fall and winter seasons. At the end of each season, you will have the choice of remaining in your same group, trying a new group or even leading a new group. Most of our groups stay together throughout the entire year. Connect Groups will not meet during the summer months.

What do we study?

Connect Groups are sermon based, built around the previous weekend’s message. Each week there will be sermon notes, Bible passages and questions provided in the Sunday program, allowing you to study and be prepared for each week’s meeting. You can also review the message online prior to the meeting by going to our website:

crossroadschristian.org/messages

Is there a COST involved?

Connect Group members are asked to complete a covenant together. This simple commitment helps each group define the terms and priorities of their group. Part of that commitment includes the promise to attend each week, complete the homework, as well as attend a group social and one service project for the year. We realize this is a big commitment, but it only lasts 8-10 weeks each season and also forms the foundation for why these groups work. At the end of each season you have the choice to recommit for another season, try a new group or take a break from Connect Groups altogether.

What about CHILD CARE?

Connect Groups are for adults only. (Exceptions are allowed for nursing newborns, up to six months.) It is important that groups have a distraction free environment. We leave it up to each Connect Group to decide how they will handle all childcare situations. Sometimes it works best for families to share a babysitter or swap childcare with another family whose Connect Group meets on a different night. Other

groups will have rotating parents watch the kids during the meeting.

How should I CHOOSE my group?

We strongly encourage you to choose a group based on its leader or the age and stage of life of the other group members, not the one that may be geographically closer to you. It's a proven fact groups do better when members share common interests with the leader, host couple and other members of the group.

There are many group options available: Singles, College, Young Marrieds, Married with Kids Birth through Pre-K, Married with Kids K-6, Married with Teens, Empty Nesters, Boomers, Men, Women, Spanish, Inter-generational groups (general), etc. We intentionally keep these groups as general as possible to help you find the right group.

If you have questions or are still undecided (especially, if you are new to Crossroads), please don't hesitate to call us at (817) 557-2277, and we will be honored to help you. Keep in mind it may take two or three groups before you find your perfect fit. The important thing to know is that you WILL find the right group.

How do I JOIN a CONNECT GROUP?

The best way to find your Connect Group is by attending GroupLink. This fun event will give you an opportunity to meet other people with similar interests and form a Connect Group with you. You can learn more about GroupLink and register to attend at crossroadschristian.org/grouplink. You can also find available groups online at crossroadschristian.org/connectgroups or by calling the church office during the week.

Can I talk to SOMEONE about my CONNECT GROUP questions?

Absolutely. You can talk to any of our pastoral staff at any time, and we will be honored to help you. You can also talk to Joel Cogdell who oversees our Connect Group ministry or our Connections Director, Michelle Gibson.

Are there CONNECT GROUPS for Youth?

Yes! Both our junior high and high school ministries provide small group opportunities for students. Groups meet in homes throughout the area. Some meet on campus. You can contact Mike Nolan, our Youth Connect Group Minister, by calling (817) 557-2277. Or you can check out the opportunities they have online: doulosyouth.com

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