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There are many ways to structure a small group ministry.

- Open groups
- Closed groups
- Missional groups
- Intensive discipleship groups
- Open topic groups
- Demographic based groups
- Life challenges-based groups



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THE BENEFITS OF SERMON-BASED GROUPS

1. It will increase the impact of the sermons.
2. It raises the level of sermon engagement.
3. It defuses a couple of ministry misconceptions.
4. It raises the level of transparency and honesty in the church.
5. Your messages can have a whole new level of intentionality.
6. It helps to pull in the marginally interested.
7. It provides a powerful model for our children.
8. It is easier to find shepherds instead of experienced leaders.



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THE BENEFITS OF SERMON-BASED GROUPS

9. It sharpens the entire focus of the church.
10. It makes spiritual disciplines a priority.
11. It is easier to tailor tools for measuring spiritual growth.



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ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. Dynamic sermon based small groups are built through a dynamic pulpit.
2. Reinforce the application in the sermon through the small group material.
3. Build into the groups a vehicle for service.
4. Give people an opportunity to opt-out or take a break.
5. It creates a better environment for leaders to gage the spiritual development of those in their group.