



## **How to Start a Group**

### **Boca Raton Community Church**

#### **1. Be a Good Participant**

We believe the best leaders start as good participants. Rather than jumping straight into leadership, we like to see people get involved in an existing group before taking the next step.

A good participant exemplifies our values:

- Be Christ-Centered
- Foster Authentic Community
- Model Whole-Life Generosity

A good participant demonstrates:

- Prayer
- Care
- Accountability
- Conflict Resolution

#### **2. Speak with your Group Leader**

Share your desire and ask how you can learn more about their role and what they do on a weekly basis. A next step could be to take ownership of specific tasks in your group that your leader gives to you. After your conversation, begin intentionally praying and asking God if He is calling you to this role.

All of our Groups leaders must also be baptized and become members of Boca Community, so sign up for the next available class.

#### **3. Meet with the Groups Director**

After further prayer and conversations with your leader, if you both believe God has called and equipped you to start a group then let's get to know you! In our initial conversation, we will discuss your personal story of salvation, your passions, goals, strengths, weaknesses and more. We will also go over some specifics of your group, like who the target audience is, meeting location, curriculum, etc.

## 4. Start Your Group

Once your group has been approved, it will be added to the church calendar and you can begin meeting! We will stay in regular contact during the first 60 days to make sure things are running smoothly.

We will provide:

- Leader Support
  - Prayer
  - 1-on-1 Conversations
- Group Leader Events
  - Kickoffs
  - Optional Lunches
- Curriculum Options

### Notes about specific group types:

#### Study

Looking to start a Study Group? Check out our *Resources* page to learn about the curriculum options we provide, including our sermon-based material, which coincides with Pastor Bill's preaching every week.

#### Equipping

Passionate about a specific need within the lives of believers? Research what is currently available to meet those needs, whether it's an established group or a specific curriculum, and bring your ideas with it!

#### Serve

Our Serve Groups are primarily started by staff members based on a recognized need, but if you have an idea, we would love to hear it!

#### Outreach

Have an idea for a new Outreach Group to reach into our community? Find out as much as you can about the organization/opportunity and be prepared to discuss. Potential ideas are always considered within the context of our values and need to align with our existing strategic plan.