



Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT is a Covenant Group? A small group (8-10 people) who meet together over the course of 9 months (September – May) for study and discipleship.

WHY should I find a Covenant Group? At Oak Grove, we believe that life-change happens best in community where we are inspired and where we grow in faith together. Participating in a Covenant Group will help you develop the spiritual practice of studying scripture and faith with others. Covenant groups also provide a great way to get connected and make new friends.

WHAT goes on in Covenant Groups? Every Covenant Group will start with the study entitled “Community: Starting Well in Your Small Group.” After the completion of this study, each group will choose curriculum moving forward. During your time together, you will have the opportunity to read and discuss scripture and ways to apply God's teachings to your life. You will pray together for the needs of the group and develop life-long friendships. Some groups may include a meal, which is a wonderful way to have time to connect with one another.

WHEN do Covenant Groups meet? We have groups meeting at different times of day throughout the week. Some groups are comprised of couples, some men, and some women's groups.

HOW often does a Covenant Group meet? Each group will determine the schedule that works best for them. Groups are asked to meet every week or every other week, from September through May.

WHERE do Covenant Groups meet? Most groups will meet in homes. Some groups always meet in one home, some rotate. Others will meet in a restaurant or coffee shop, or at the church.

HOW long is each meeting? Typically, a meeting lasts between 60 and 90 minutes but may vary by group.

WHAT if I can't make it to every meeting? While it is important to keep your commitment to your group as it lends to the cohesiveness, we understand that emergencies occur from time to time.

HOW are Covenant Groups different from other Bible Studies or my Sunday School Class? Being part of a Covenant Group is more than just studying the Bible. When you commit to a group, you commit not only to the study but also to other group members.

WHAT about childcare? Some Covenant Group members will bring kids along and arrange a babysitter together to watch all the children. Others take care of their own childcare. Your group will decide together how to handle childcare while you meet.

HOW DO I JOIN A COVENANT GROUP? It's easy! Come to the Covenant Group Connection on August 25 at 2 pm in the Fellowship Hall to find your Covenant Group! IF you are unable to attend on the 25th, contact Rev. Susan Allen Grady (sallengrady@ogumc.org) or Jessica Bandy (jessicabandy@mac.com) to sign up or for more information.