

Small Groups

NEWSLETTER FOR WILDWOOD SMALL GROUP LEADERS: FEBRUARY 2012

Service Opportunities:

1. **Helping Hands:** This ministry provides meals for those in our church who need assistance. They are in need of more helping hands.
2. **First Impressions Team:** Would your group like to help greet guests & get people connected on Sunday mornings? Contact Craig Stewart.
3. **BBQ Luau:** Sun. March 11th we are hosting a Hawaiian themed fundraiser lunch for our Easter outreach efforts. Invite your group for food & fellowship while helping support our outreaches.

4 ELEMENTS OF HEALTHY WILDWOOD SMALL GROUPS:

1. **CONNECT:** with God and others (Acts 2:42-47, Hebrews 10:24-25)
2. **GROW:** in your understanding of Scripture and its application to your life (1 Thess. 5:11, Colossians 3:16)
3. **SERVE:** in the church (Mark 10:45)
4. **GO:** into our community loving your neighbors & proclaiming the gospel (John 17:18, Mark 16:15)



Love Your Neighbor Together

Does your small group look for ways to serve? The Connect, Grow & Harvest small group combined two of our elements (**Serve & Go**) by reaching out to a single unemployed mother of four in their community.

A member of the group saw this woman begging on the side of the road and sensed the Lord telling him to pull over. He told the rest of the group about this woman in

desperate need and they decided, as a small group, to adopt her family. They began to help her financially and provide items for her children. They are continuing to love, serve and reach out to this family in the name of Jesus without seeking praise for their actions. Instead, they mentioned that they are simply living out normative Christianity in response to God's grace towards them.



YOUNG PROFESSIONALS: This small group makes it a priority to try and embrace all 4 elements of a healthy small group. They connect through a shared meal, grow through studying the Bible together, find ways to serve the church together and they participate in our church outreach efforts.



SMALL GROUP HANDBOOK

We have finished the new Small Group Leaders Handbook! It will be a useful tool in the hands of small group leaders. Download it off our new small groups page on the website or contact Craig



A MISSIONAL COMMUNITY? One of our Young Couples small groups reaches out to non-believers through their community. They intentionally invite guests in, love them well, included them in gatherings and share the gospel with them as friends.