

Parkridge Baptist Church
Small Group Ministry

Definition:

To be considered an *official* Small Group of Parkridge Baptist Church, a group must have the following characteristics:

- **Meet Regularly** – to establish the bonds we see as critical for life-changing ministry, groups must meet at least every other week
- **On-Going** – PBC Small Groups keep meeting to build relationships
- **Organized for Ministry** – Small groups are a big part of the way needs are met at PBC. Small Groups have caring for one another as a top priority. Many groups use “Care Groups” to maintain contact and insure that needs are met.
- **Open** – This term means our groups are always open for guests. If a group enters a 6-week study, there is thought given to what happens if a guest comes on week 4. Closed groups can become stagnant and inward focused.
- **Multiplication Minded** – Small Groups are like cells. They are meant for multiplication. Healthy groups grow – numerically and in maturity. While the time-frame is not fixed, there is an expectation that healthy groups will multiply within 18 months. To resist multiplying is to either become too large for effective ministry or to become “closed”.
- **Submitted to Parkridge’s Vision and Leadership** – Small Groups are to be small, intense doses of all Parkridge is about. To stay anchored to Parkridge, small groups must attend our Leadership meetings and PEP Rallies. Remaining active in Worship Services at PBC and using only Approved Curriculum insures our staying on the same page.
- **Servant Led** – Groups will be led by Parkridge members who are approved by the Small Group Ministry leadership. Leaders prepare diligently to lead members through the Parkridge Process (maturity, ministry, and missions). Again, leaders will be setting the example for their group by being faithful in worship services.

Support to Expect:

- Instruction/helps
- Supply basic curriculum (Lifeway Quarterlies)
- Training Opportunities
- Individual help/training on request

Is Your Group Ready?