

Growth Group Interest Form

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Email address _____



Do you prefer a group of your own age and stage or a variety of ages?

Do you have young children? If so, how would that impact your participation in a Growth Group (need for childcare, need to meet at your home, want them to accompany you, etc.)?

Are you willing to host a Growth Group at your home?

Are you willing to lead discussions—get the conversation going around the topic, ask another member to read Scripture or text, encourage discussion back to the topic if it strays, etc.—all or part of the time?

Would you be interested in a short Growth Group leadership training session with Pastor Dane?



*With the liberty which
is ours in Christ, we
choose to love, honor*

*and obey our Lord. Glorifying Him
in all we do, we endeavor to spread
the light of His gospel to our com-
munity and to encourage one another
to walk in the Spirit until He*

comes again.

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Growth Groups

OUR GOAL IS THAT EVERY
ADULT AT LIBERTY IS
REGULARLY MEETING WITH AT
LEAST ONE OTHER PERSON,
FOR THE PURPOSE OF
**PRAYER, CARE, AND
SPRITITUAL GROWTH**



A Deeper Understanding & Practice of God's Word

leads to a more intimate relationship with Christ AND a deeper, more intimate relationship with others. To fully mature in our faith we need a vital relationship with God, connectedness and relationships with fellow believers, and reaching the unconvinced in the world around us.

Ephesians 4:11-16 reminds us that God has given us His Word, pastors, and teachers to equip all of us for the work of ministry: caring and encouraging in spiritual growth to maturity. "Growing up in every way into Him who is the Head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love." Every joint, every part is essential in putting together the strengths of all to fill the gaps left by the weaknesses of each.

The first church of Acts was devoted to the purposes of caring for one another, encouraging spiritual growth and prayer. Hebrews is filled with admonitions to include fellowship in our spiritual life. We are told to "stir up one another", to "encourage one another", and to "exhort one another every day".



God does not call us to, or even suggest, a life of "casual Christianity" or "church-dating" where we are loosely-tied to a church body and are not personally invested. Christ brought the message of salvation; we are responsible for no excuses in neglecting that salvation. (Hebrews 2:2-4)

The Biblical basis for fellowship

among believers is more than evident. Small groups, or growth groups, are important at Liberty EFC for purposes of caring for one another, of growing spiritually, and time in community prayer. In small groups we find the encouragement we need from other believers as well the opportunities to give care and spiritual encouragement to others. Small groups are also a good avenue to reach out to the neighbors and people around us who are unconvinced of their need for a Savior.

Prayer | Care | Spiritual Growth

"As you receive Christ, continue to walk in Him. Get rooted through a personal, intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. Built up through that relationship, the teaching of the Word, and the fellowship with those who encourage us in that walk."

~ Col 2:6-7

Do You want to be a part of a Small Group at Liberty EFC?

If you're interested in becoming a member of a Growth Group at Liberty, we'd like to know a little about you so we can either help you "get plugged in" somewhere, or encourage you to team up with others who are seeking a Growth Group experience.

Some of our Small Groups are all of the same age and stage in life; some are a wide variety of ages and experiences. Some meet every week; some meet bi-weekly or on a schedule that works with members of their group. Some of our Growth Groups are only 3-4 people. Several groups consist of 6 or more couples/singles. We encourage groups to not become larger than 10-12 people, so that everyone is important or vital to the life of the group or mini church family.

Please take a little time to answer a few questions and return this part of pamphlet to Brent or Cheryl Lanser or mailbox #40. If you'd prefer to talk in person, please just fill in your name and contact phone number(s). We plan to call everyone who is interested and begin assimilating people into groups as soon as we can.

