

Spring/Summer 2020 Growth Group (GG) Offerings Online and In person Overview and Protocols

Goal for Growth Group offerings at cvfree church: staying close and connected to our Father in Heaven and to each other in this time of social distancing.

Mission: To know God and to make God known by making a Christ Connection within ourselves, our church, and our community

Content and conversation: When deciding what your GG will do, consider your audience; would they be better off doing a curriculum, just devotional and chatting, consider professionals who may be getting “burned out” by digital offerings and order. They may need something more relaxed.

Also as GG leaders, we must understand that we are just as focused on a personal connection over content, however we encourage the groups to have a spiritual connection/goal also. Maybe using key verse /online devotional or curriculum. Group leaders could use the message from the previous Sunday(utilizing the website to rewatch), use Rightnow media for a choice of many sizes of curriculums.

Keeping in mind during connection time, GG leaders may need to steer conversations to keep them God honoring and focused, to avoid gossip and negativity.

Please be in prayer with your group, for the mission of our church, and the direction in your Growth group.

Protocols:

- Transportation: if happening, they must wear masks as they cannot be 6ft apart. We want to **discourage carpooling if possible.**
- Number of people in the groups: **max at 10**
 - If there are more than that then the group must be split into 2 groups, utilizing both cafe and classroom, leader needs to task another person to help lead if that is the case. Also **if you have more than 10, Pastor Cathy needs to be notified and then we need to discuss next steps.**
- Sign in sheets: will be in foyer in CE center on table, with hand sanitizer and clorox wipes. There will be 2 sign in sheets, 1 for your record keeping purposes and one for church use purposes which will include Date, time into church and time out of church, and all attendees including contact info for each. **It is extremely important that everyone who attends is included in this document.**
- Entrance and Exits: All Growth Group participants should be entering and exiting through the CE center door at the ramp. **Please keep the front door locked and discourage use of that entrance.**

- Areas of the church that are being used: CE Center, Cafe and Classroom, upstairs restroom, hallway going into CE center, exterior handrails, door knobs and light switches, classroom and cafe TVs, computers, wires, remotes.
 - Please refrain from using all other areas of the church for cleaning and sanitizing purposes.
 - Our cleaning team will be working every day after a GG offering. There will be sanitizing wipes in the bathroom and office, use those on all touched surfaces prior to use please. The attendance board will be kept on the table in the CE center foyer for use for our Growth group leaders.
- Social Distancing and wearing of Masks: **a minimum of 6ft distance from participant to participant needs to be maintained** and if that cannot be done, then individuals MUST wear a mask. Please encourage GG attendees to bring their own masks. We will have paper masks here in case of need.
- Food and Beverages: As far as food and beverages, please do not make anything at the church or serve any food or beverages items from your home to others. Individuals should be encouraged to bring their own beverage from home.
 - If the water cooler is used, sanitizing wipes must be used to clean prior to use.

Online Offering:

Please use Google meets for this, as it does not have a time or participant limit. As far as getting that link setup, please send Pastor Ariel a message and she will do that along with adding it to the online signup on the website.

- Google Meets: GG leads please make yourself comfortable with the technology of online meetings. If you or one of your participants is uncomfortable with this technology, please take some time to introduce yourself or another person with it. For ease of use, please encourage each participant to MUTE their microphone when they're not speaking to prevent feedback and distracting background noise.
- Google Meet allows participants to call in on their phone, just like a phone call, or join the video chat through the Google Meet app on their phone, or join the video chat through their computer browser. Using the computer browser option also allows participants to see each other in a tiled format, similar to Zoom, so that they can see everyone's faces in the Meet.