



SMALL GROUPS. *Because spiritual growth happens in circles, not rows.*

HIC-Caleb does Small Groups because they are simply the best way for our members to provide and experience care, cultivate meaningful relationships, and grow spiritually.

Spiritual growth isn't linear—people learn different lessons in different seasons. Most growth happens in need-to-know moments and need-to-grow moments. We either *need-to-know* what the Bible says about an issue, or we *need-to-grow* with genuine support from and relationship with other Christians.

Since our groups are loosely sermon-based, we value good communication from our Sunday speakers. During small groups, we try to create environments characterized by warmth, consistency, and ultimately trust. To facilitate this, most of our **small-group questions** fall into 3 categories:

1. GETTING TO KNOW YOU

It's awkward to dive right into deep conversations with people you don't know, so the point of this question is simply to learn something about the other people in your group based off the theme of Sunday's message. It helps break the ice, and over the course of 10 weeks, a lot of ice will be broken. Some examples:

- What's the coolest thing a friend has ever done for you? (Acts 2)
- Share an experience where you honored someone or someone honored you!
- Share an experience where you were entrusted with something significant like the servants in Matthew 25.

2. DEEPER INTO THE BIBLE

This is all about getting people deeper into the Bible...for themselves. We stay away from using the same Scriptures used in the Sunday sermon so small group doesn't become a mere regurgitation of the message. We want to get people looking deeper into the Bible with one another. Bonus: they (unknowingly) develop the skill of reading the Word for themselves. Some examples:

- Acts 2:44b said the believers had "all things in common" - what does this mean to you?
- Take a look into these passages on the love of God and honoring God: 1 John 4:13-19 and 1 Samuel 2:27-36. Share any insights you see in these Scriptures with your group.
- Read Daniel 1:1-5 and 17-21. What do you see about being gifted by God to impact the world?

3. TAKING IT HOME

This question helps hammer home the discussion by providing an outlet for real-life application. It might be a tough question, a kind encouragement, or a powerful reminder of what Scripture says about a certain life issue. Some examples:

- In what ways do you feel you can more fully honor God out of love rather than obligation?
- What gifts, talents, and abilities do you see in the others in your group?
- What can you do to further discover or further hone talents and skills you might have?