

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

Our church began as a small group in a living room. That little group met together to sing worship songs to the Lord, study the Bible, pray and get to know each other better. The model for our Sunday morning meetings grew out of these meetings, but in a larger group it becomes more difficult to know people, to be known and pray for specific needs. So we have kept an emphasis on meeting together in smaller groups. We strongly encourage everyone to get involved in a smaller group as they are able. The goals of our small groups are based on the lifestyle of the early church in Acts 2:42-47.

Goals of Small Groups:

- ◆ To create a church environment of love, acceptance and forgiveness where everyone is welcomed, included, important and cared for.
- ◆ To provide a time and place to celebrate and experience the Christian life in the context of small groups, face-to-face relationships. and provide an opportunity to fellowship (be together with other Christians).
- ◆ To provide an environment where we can pray together and for each other.
- ◆ To worship God together.
- ◆ To experience the healing power of God's presence.
- ◆ To provide an environment of mutual care and concern.
- ◆ To share communion together.
- ◆ To provide an environment where we can know other Christians and be known.
- ◆ To provide a forum for personal growth.
- ◆ To provide an opportunity to learn together from God's Word.
- ◆ To evangelize friends, family and neighbors.

We have various kinds of groups available:

- * Support Groups
- * Growth Groups
- * Bible Studies
- * Outreach Groups
- * Men's Groups
- * Women's Groups

*A complete listing of Small Groups
is located on our website at:
www.CalvaryChapel316.com*