Small Community at New Hope Church

Know Jesus. Grow Faith. Go Multiply.

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Healthy small community at New Hope Church is characterized by **Discipleship** for maturity, **Fellowship** for belonging, and **Service** for mission. Together, they're how we grow in holiness — becoming more like Jesus, side by side. Every opportunity is a step on our discipleship pathway, helping people move from seeking and learning to leading and multiplying. Most groups have a core area of strength, even when demonstrating the other characteristics.

	Discipleship *"How are you growing?"*	**Fellowship** *"How are you doing?"*	**Service** *"Who are we helping?"*
PURPOSE	Following Jesus and becoming more like Him in belief, character, and action	Belonging, care, and shared life where people feel valued, accepted, connected, and loved	Living out faith through action by serving others and sharing the love of Jesus
LOOKS LIKE	Bible-centered discussion · A curriculum or study plan · Scripture memorization · Prayer focused on spiritual growth · Accountability and honest confession · Spiritual disciplines (fasting, prayer, journaling) · Applying Scripture to everyday life · Equipping people to disciple others	Informal, low-pressure atmosphere · Shared meals and hospitality · Worship, prayer requests, and devotionals · Life updates and storytelling · Everyone takes part · Care during hard seasons · Welcoming newcomers and seekers · Celebrating milestones together	Community outreach projects · Practical help for real needs · Evangelism and missions · Partnering with ministries and nonprofits · Hands-on, action-oriented meetings · Serving vulnerable neighbors · Flexible, active schedules · Invitations a seeker can say yes to
GROUP TYPES	Classes (teaching, study, training) · Bible study groups · Discipleship groups (D-groups) · Accountability groups (bands) · Men's and women's growth groups · Prayer and spiritual formation groups	Community groups · Life-stage groups (young adults, couples, parents, empty nesters) · Interest- or hobby-based groups · Family groups · Events and activities that build relationships	Outreach and mission teams · Serve Teams · Food pantry and aid teams · Evangelism groups · Disaster relief groups · Community care teams
WHO GUIDES	A leader who models devotion to Jesus, teaches, and develops others to disciple	A facilitator who creates space for everyone to take part, supported by hosts who practice hospitality	A leader who casts vision, organizes the work, and leads by example and initiative
HEALTHY TRAITS	Humility · Teachability · Vulnerability · Consistency · Spiritual honesty · Grace balanced with truth	Warmth · Acceptance · Empathy · Hospitality · Trust · Consistent support	Compassion · Initiative · Generosity · Unity around mission · Practical love · Dependability
WATCH FOR	Legalism · Intellectual pride · Over-intensity · Too much inward focus · Lack of relational warmth	Shallow spirituality · Cliques and exclusivity · Lack of direction · Avoiding hard conversations · Socializing without growth	Burnout · Activism without spiritual depth · Neglected relationships · Over-scheduling · Performance mentality
NEXT STEP	**Leading and reproducing:** become a multiplier who disciples others, or co-lead a new group	**An on-ramp** into deeper study, accountability, and serving · **findnewhope.com/groups**	**Pair serving** with study and community so action never outruns faith · **findnewhope.com/serve-teams**

SMALL COMMUNITY

Seek and Identify

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Use this guide to name your group's home base and plan how you'll practice the other two. Take your time and prayerfully consider the small community information. If you need help connecting or would like to explore something new, make sure to complete the bottom section.

OUR GROUP

Group name: _____

Leader / Facilitator: _____

Meets (day and time): _____

Where: _____

Date Completed: _____

Average # of Attendees _____

OUR HOME BASE IS

☐ **Discipleship** ☐ **Fellowship** ☐ **Service**

Check one. If your group has a hard time picking just one, take time in prayer, poll your group, and be honest with yourself. There is no wrong answer.

HOW WE'LL PRACTICE THE OTHER TWO

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ONE THING TO WATCH FOR IN OUR GROUP

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LOOKING FOR COMMUNITY?

☐ **Bible Study group** ☐ **Service Opportunities** ☐ **Band Group** ☐ **Other**

NAME:_____ **EMAIL OR PHONE:**_____

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My next step is

Mi próximo paso es

- ☐ **Prayer** / *Oración* _____
- ☐ **Worship** / *Adoración* _____
- ☐ **Service** / *Servicio* _____
- ☐ **Giving** / *Ofrenda* _____

  I plan to give / *Planeo ofrendar* **$** _____

  - ☐ Weekly / *Semanal*
  - ☐ Bi-weekly / *Quincenal*
  - ☐ Monthly / *Mensual*
  - ☐ Yearly / *Anual*
  - ☐ Other / *Otro* _____

- ☐ **Small community** / *Comunidad pequeña* _____

Name / *Nombre* _____

Email / *Correo* _____

Phone / *Teléfono* _____

Signature / *Firma* _____

Date / *Fecha* _____

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." **Galatians 2:20**

"Con Cristo estoy juntamente crucificado, y ya no vivo yo, mas vive Cristo en mí; y lo que ahora vivo en la carne, lo vivo en la fe del Hijo de Dios, el cual me amó y se entregó a sí mismo por mí." ***Gálatas 2:20***

Bring this back with you on Sunday, November 1.

· *Tráigala de vuelta el domingo 1 de noviembre.*

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