

Wednesday Night Small Group Meetings

It is a great blessing to be saved by grace through faith in Christ alone. And once we are saved, it is our responsibility to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. This spiritual progress requires the powerful ministry of the Holy Spirit. He opens our hearts to receive the Word of God; and He teaches us to depend upon the Lord. As Christians, we need to be encouraged by Scripture and empowered by God through prayer. This is the reason for our mid-week small group meetings. We want to provide greater opportunity to know God's truth and to pray for one another. As we engage in thoughtful biblical discussion, the memorization of Scripture, and prayer for the people and ministry of the Chapel, we look for the continued blessing of the Lord.

We are living in difficult times. Scripture reminds us that the world, the flesh, and the devil are actively opposing all who would live for Christ. This spiritual warfare calls for careful attention to holiness of life. At Hillcrest Chapel, we are endeavoring to stand for the truth by the faithful proclamation of the Word. The small group meetings are another facet of this ministry. Meetings in your area are designed for your greater convenience. They will encourage fellowship with those at the Chapel who live close to you. We welcome you to be an active participant in this small group ministry. We trust it will be a blessing in your life.

General Guidelines for the Small Group Meetings:

- 1 – The meetings will be held on Wednesday nights from 7:00 to 8:00 in host homes.
 - Opening Prayer
 - Memory Verse
 - Discussion of the Lesson
 - Prayer Requests and Prayer
- 2 – The lessons and discussions are designed to promote greater understanding of the Bible.
 - The 4-8 week lesson plans will be presented on the Chapel website at hillcrestchapel.org.
 - Everyone is encouraged to look over the lessons ahead of time to promote a thoughtful biblical discussion.
 - Leaders have been appointed to guide a discussion – not teach a lesson.
 - Everyone is encouraged to participate in the discussion, but participation is not required.
- 3 – The focus of Bible memory is to learn and know the familiar verses of the Bible.
 - A memory verse or verses will be provided for each lesson.
- 4 – Prayer requests and praying is for the needs of the people and ministry of the Chapel.
 - General Hillcrest Chapel prayer requests will be presented on the website.
 - Personal prayer requests should not include negative information about other
- 5 – Courtesy should be shown to the families hosting the meetings.
 - Meetings should begin and end on time.
 - Fellowship after the meeting should be limited to not more than 20-30 minutes.
 - Host families are not asked/expected to provide refreshments.
- 6 – The small group meetings are a function of Hillcrest Chapel.
 - Meetings are designed for the people who attend the Chapel.
 - We don't want to encourage Christians who attend other ministries to be disloyal to their churches.
 - Family and friends who are interested in the ministry of the Chapel can attend.
- 7 – Any concerns about the meetings should be addressed to the pastor or deacons.