

Grand Avenue Small Groups: Discipleship through fellowship and hospitality

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Discipleship: A serious concern for gospel-growth among the members of the small group.

To be a disciple means to be a learner. Yet, when Jesus taught, He did not seek to simply impart information but instead to awaken a serious commitment to himself through the gospel.

Fellowship Vision: To build healthy fellowship through gospel-centered relationships

Koinonia is Greek for fellowship. The gospel creates Christian fellowship among God's people. *Koinonia* is intimate spiritual communion and participative sharing of life in light of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Hospitality Vision: To make room for strangers through gospel-growth

Philoxenia is Greek word for hospitality. It means for love of the stranger. One of the great works of the gospel is that it creates love for the stranger in the fellowship of God's people.

Small Group Format for 2018-2019 Explained

Fifth Sunday Hospitality Training. We would like to help all of the families of Grand to grow in the ministry of hospitality so we will hold three Sunday night sessions to train in the ministry of hospitality. On the Sunday nights of **Sept. 30, 2018, Jan. 27, 2019** and **March 31, 2019**, we will gather as a church to enjoy fellowship, a casual meal and talk about how to grow in hospitality. We want our evening together to be fun, memorable and centered on how to live life in light of the gospel.