

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

As you consider getting involved in small groups, here's some benefits you should expect to experience in a small group in MICC.

☞ You'll understand the Bible better

In church, you listen to a sermon, but rarely get to ask questions or to probe issues for greater understanding or application. In a small group you'll participate together in study and hear others share insights into the truth you are trying to grasp. Applying the truth to life is also an important part of our study together.

☞ You'll begin to feel connected in MICC

Often, people say the greatest benefit is the close relationships and friendships that develop. Authentic, grace based friendships really help us grow strong. And especially with the rapid change in the international community, we want to help you quickly connect with friends and experience love, support and encouragement together. In a small group, you can experience this much more easily than in the larger congregation on Sunday.

☞ You'll find prayer more meaningful

You can learn to participate in group prayer by having a conversation with God. No one is pressured to pray, but as you grow comfortable, you can pray sentence prayers and join in. In praying together we find God's provision for the needs in our lives.

☞ You'll have support for stressful times

Small groups offer help in times of crisis, change and stress. There's a sense of stability and security in knowing that there are others who really care and can assist with practical needs during job changes or loss, illness or death in a family.

☞ You'll begin to more naturally share Christ

Some of your friends wouldn't be caught dead in a church service, but those same friends may be open to your invitation to a friendly meeting in a home setting. Your friends can ask questions or express honest doubts, and experience warmth, love and honesty as you explore the truth of God's Word together.

☞ You'll develop your skills and service

A small group is a great place to see personal growth and move from being a weekend spectator to an active participant in the life of the group. You'll discover your spiritual gifts and put them to use in serving others, and this can increase your confidence and leadership in the group, at church, at work and at home.

☞ You'll gain a deeper understanding of worship

Many believers think that worship only happens in a large group in a church building. But it can happen anytime we begin to focus personally on God. In the group, you may sing, pray or share in the Lord's table together as your worship grows.

Contact a group leader and get started today!

MEETING IN SMALL GROUPS WHAT DOES GOD'S WORD SAY?

They devoted themselves to the apostle's teaching and to fellowship—to the breaking of bread and to prayer... all believers were together and had everything in common... they broke bread in their home... and the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2:42, 44, 46-47

Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ.

Acts 5:42

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:12-17

Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:24-25

Aquila and Priscilla greet you warmly in the Lord, and so does the church that meets at their house.

1 Corinthians 16:19

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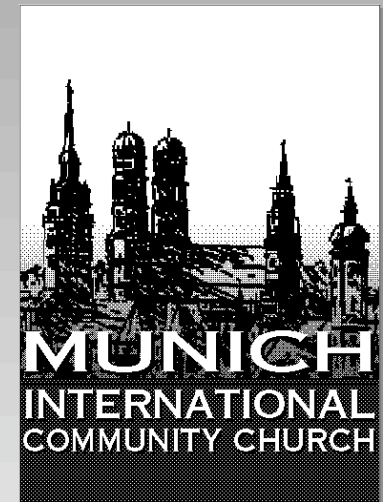
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SMALL GROUPS IN MICC

GLORIFYING CHRIST
GROWING STRONG TOGETHER
EXPERIENCING REAL LIFECHANGE



LIFECCHANGE: AN INVITATION

Change is what life is all about, especially life in Christ. We seek to leave old patterns, thoughts, habits and frustrations behind. We all want to climb out of life's ruts to get on a road that is actually leading somewhere.

It's really the most exciting prospect you can imagine for yourself: to think that life can be radically different tomorrow than it is today; to think that your skills, understanding and relationships can grow not just a notch or two higher, but a jump. A leap.

But we know too that this kind of life change takes more than desire, more than good intentions, more than a best effort. It takes God getting us in touch regularly with some basic ingredients:

THE WORD OF GOD

God has given us his Word not merely to increase our knowledge or to satisfy our curiosity. His word is alive and powerful and sharp—it cuts to the real issues of our hearts and lives and shows us not only that we need to change, but also it teaches us *how* to change.

Men and women through history have experienced the transforming power of God's Word as they begin to study it in a small group depending on the Holy Spirit.

And they've never been the same. Their lives were eternally changed and they changed the lives of others as well.

THE PEOPLE OF GOD

God hasn't placed us in a local church so we can sit isolated and alone. Yet, in a large congregational meeting, it is often very easy to remain self-contained, distant and uninvolved, and to leave without being deeply affected or changed by being with God's people.

But a small group offers the chance to be connected in loving relationships with others who really care about each other and help each other to grow and experience lasting life change. A small group can be like an incubator—a safe, warm place where people can explore their faith, take risks, be honest and grow. God uses small groups to cultivate understanding of our faith in the context of committed relationships.

A COMMITMENT

Even in a small group, life change doesn't happen automatically. Each of us has to commit to the process of transformation according to God's plan and be open to Him using our friends in our lives. Some basic commitments include: regular attendance, commitment to each other, a willingness to prepare and share your insights, praying for each other's needs, and accepting your share of responsibility for the success of the group.

LIFECCHANGE: IT BEGINS WITH YOU

Go ahead, take the step to get involved in the adventure of growing closer to others in the family of God in MICC. It may be your first chance to see great changes in your life as you experience the support of friends, the encouragement and instruction from God's Word, and the transforming power of loving accountability.

GETTING STARTED:

Select from among our current groups and contact the group leaders and find a place where you can fit in. Since locations and times change, it's important to make contact before your first visit. We'll probably be in touch with you too to help you get involved!

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