



Small Group Guidelines

Small groups are an opportunity to create deep and lasting faith-filled relationships, with people who will share times of joy in your life, and encourage and help you in times of difficulty.

“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.”

1 Thess. 5:11

To that end, we provide the following small group guidelines:

1. Please arrive on time, and come prepared

- Begin your homework with prayer, asking for the guidance of the Holy Spirit
- Spread out your homework over the week; you will get more out of it and enjoy it more
- If you cannot attend a class, please call, email or text me

2. Actively take part in the discussion with charity

- Everyone’s insights are valuable to others and vital for the group’s growth
- Please participate each week
 - If you like to share, think ahead to the 2 or 3 times you would like to comment, so as not to dominate the discussion. Allow quiet time for others to speak before adding comments
 - If you find it hard to share, think ahead to the 1 or 2 times you would like to comment, so you are comfortable participating

3. Be a good listener and respectful of others

- Please give your full attention to the person speaking, and do not interrupt others
- Please avoid side conversations in the small group discussions and lecture

4. Stick to the assigned study material; do not bring other materials to the small group

- In order to gain the most out of this study, please stay focused on insights gleaned from your assigned homework
 - Please do not get sidetracked on other matters – such as former churches or bible studies, movies you have seen, or books you have read
- Bring only your homework, Bible and Catechism to class
 - Please do not bring other materials to share with the group - such as other bible study materials, articles, books, tapes or other handouts

5. Small group discussions are confidential

- Please do not discuss them outside the small group

6. Pray for your small group members

Enjoy the study and time together!!