



Valley Ranch
BAPTIST CHURCH

Grow Group Syllabus Summer 2020

Welcome to Grow Groups at VRBC! Congratulations on your desire to grow deeper in your relationship with God and others in this group. As we grow together, we'll do three main things:

Dig into God's Word: Each week, we will open Scripture to discover what God is saying to us, discuss it together, and commit to do it!

Build True Friendships: Each week, we will spend time strengthening our relationships with each other and building friendships that are open, caring and encouraging.

Train for Our Mission: Each week, we will discuss how we can discover and live out God's mission for our lives, using the unique way he has gifted us.

Our group will operate by the following guidelines:

- 1) **Date and Time:** We will meet together on _____ at _____ am/pm. Groups begin the week of June 7-11 and end the week of August 9-13.
- 2) **Group Discussions:** Our discussions will focus on a portion of Scripture related to that week's sermon or another spiritual growth topic. Our goal is to grow together to live out our faith in everyday life. We will:
 - Participate openly in group discussions
 - Honor each other by maintaining the confidentiality of everything discussed during our group meetings. (What's said here stays here)
 - Honestly explore our next steps for spiritual growth.
- 3) **Preparation and Attendance:** To allow each of us to make the most of our group experience, we will read the Scripture passages and questions in advance and attend group meetings as consistently as possible.
- 4) **Building true friendships:** During this semester, we will pray for each other, care for each other, and encourage each other. We will build friendships characterized by honesty, openness and trust.

General Information

Each week this semester, we'll discuss a series of questions related to that week's sermon. The goal of our conversation is to help us apply the Bible to our everyday life! To help you prepare for the conversation, the primary Scripture passages (tentative and subject to change) are listed below. The discussion questions will be available on the VRBC App in the Grow section each week by Thursday afternoon as well as the Friday Grow Group email so you can review them in advance.

Outcomes we're praying for:

- **More like Jesus:** Our first goal is the same as for every semester! We hope that at the end of this spring, each of us is more like Jesus than when we started. Dallas Willard says a *disciple* is someone who chooses (by grace) to be *with* Jesus, to learn *from* him how to be *like* him. That's our goal!
- **Everyday Faith:** This summer, we're focusing especially on what impact our faith has on our real, everyday life...wherever we happen to be and whenever we happen to be there
- **Spiritual friendships:** Finally, we're praying that as we are *with Jesus together*, we'll develop spiritual friendships that encourage us along the journey.

Grow Group Topic/Passage Schedule

God Throughout My Day		
June 7-11	God When I <i>Wake</i>	Psalm 5
June 14-18	God When I <i>Work</i>	Colossians 3:12-17
June 21-25	God When I am <i>Weary</i>	Matthew 11:25-30
June 28-July 2	God When I <i>Sleep</i>	Psalm 4
You Are Here		
July 5-9	God is with you <i>Here</i>	Genesis 28:10-17
July 12-16	TBA	TBA
July 19-23	TBA	TBA
July 26-30	Grow <i>Here</i>	James 1:2-4
Aug 2-6	You Won't Always Be <i>Here</i>	2 Corinthians 4:7-18
David		
Aug 9-13	TBA from the life of David	TBA