



COMMUNITYGROUPS
theCHURCH OF ARIZONA

Real Life. Real People. Real Jesus

June Leader Newsletter

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." Romans 12:12

**Are our members engaged in prayer time like they could be
or are we missing something?**

If we aren't careful, prayertime in small groups can become a box to check and a routine that feels like obligation. *So, how do we keep things engaging?*

Keep it personal. Keep it small. Keep it intentional.

When you are meeting together as a group keep prayer time reserved for each other. Ask the question, "How can I pray for YOU?"

Praying for extended families, friends, neighbors etc can happen in group chats, conversations or other dedicated prayer time.

Break it down into groups of 3 or so and pray together. If you have members uncomfortable praying in a large group, get smaller until people become more comfortable. Smaller groups lead to more intimate conversations and prayer that will be more personal in nature.

Be sure to set aside dedicated time to pray. It's up to you as the leader to set the tone and structure of the time. Plan nights of just prayer and encourage prayer that challenges your members to potentially pray like they never have before. Set aside prayer activities or let others within the group lead prayer time.

If your group feels like they are stuck in a routine prayer rut - I encourage you to shake things up and try something new this month.

Need to talk?

Call me! Let's grab coffee and dive in together.

With love - Cassie

Announcements

Make Up Session: Groups Leadership Workshop

The date of our Groups Leadership Workshop Make Up Session has been set for **August 15th and registration is OPEN!** Register on our Groups Website.

Group Coaches Opportunity

Do you have members in your group that you KNOW would be amazing Group Leaders but it just isn't their season? I am currently accepting nominations and applications for our volunteer Group Coaches. These coaches will work directly alongside the Groups Director and several groups, offering them support, encouragement and guidance. Please send me any names of members you may have interested or have them reach out to me directly at cassie@thechurchaz.org

Groups Ministry Needs

I'd love to know who you as leaders have in your groups that you see leadership potential in. Maybe it's the person that fills in when you are gone. Or, who is the most committed to the group. Maybe this person is great at helping facilitate conversation or has a real heart and love for hospitality.

Send their names my way! I'd love for them to be involved in our Community Ministry in some way - there are other opportunities to serve other than Group Leaders.

Real Numbers & Real People

- **Current Participation In The Last 6 Months:**
 - **19 Home Groups Lakeside:** 229 people engaged
 - **2 Home Groups Heber-Overgaard:** 24 people engaged
 - **11 On Campus Groups Lakeside:** 179 people engaged
 - **2 Discipleship Groups Heber-Overgaard:** 25 people engaged
 - **Group Leaders:** 73

I share these numbers each month to not only share our growth, but for you to see that you are a part of something bigger than your weekly group. Together we are sharing Jesus with hundreds of people all over this mountain - and we are just getting started!

Thank you all for your leadership and commitment to making disciples of Jesus Christ! As always, we are praying for all of you!

Blessing and love!

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