



Community Group - Overview

New Heights Mission Statement: "Make Disciples who Love God Passionately & Love People Tangibly."

This statement reflects Jesus words: *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself'."*

(Matthew 22:37-38)

Community Ministry Vision:

Healthy Groups,

Growing in the Gospel,

Multiplying God's Kingdom through lives of Intentional Influence.

Community Groups Overview: We believe Community Groups are the primary place where loving God and loving people intersect. Like the cross, one beam (loving God) is vertical and the other (loving others) is horizontal. In a church like New Heights love for God and love for others happens authentically when we are with others relationally, through what we call "Christ centered life sharing."

*"Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the **gospel** of God but our **lives** (souls) as well."*

(1 Thess. 2:7-8)

Community Group leaders are ESSENTIAL to Discipleship at New Heights!

- Christ centered life sharing doesn't happen without committed, servant leaders.
- Corporate worship has great value. But Discipleship in Community leaves a lasting impact.
- Neither Programs, Buildings or Resources make Disciples. Disciples make Disciples.

Our Commitment to Community Group Leaders

- Quarterly Training/Appreciation events inspire & equip disciple-making.
- Shepherding = Coaching & Care from Shepherd Team
- Discipleship Resources & Collaboration
 - UNITY (not uniformity) in Study & Service (see Group Development Pathway)
 - Recommended resources for each semester &/or season

A Leaders Commitment

- Committed Members of New Heights Bentonville
- Personal Commitment to Christ including Faith, Submission, Repentance & Community with other believers. (3 or more years)
- Affirm the New Heights Core beliefs and values.
 - * <https://nhbentonville.com/beliefs>
- Stand against gossip or harmful speculation by bringing questions or concerns to Community Pastor or Elders/Staff of New Heights Bentonville.

4 Essentials Ingredients of a Community Group

- 1 Nurture & Care - Fulfilling the ONE-Another commands of Scripture.
- 2 Spiritual Growth - Personal Prayer, Study & Apply Scripture, Walk w/ the Spirit of God.
- 3 Outreach - Members equipped to Intentionally Influence others.
- 4 Leadership Development - Multiply capable, committed Spiritual Leaders.