



# LOOKING TO GET CONNECTED? **Spring 2026** **Small Group** **Catalog**



Included in this catalog is a comprehensive list of current and newly created Life Groups, Rooted Groups and other Small Groups, including meeting times and contact information.

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# Who We Are

At Memorial Park, our vision is to Follow Jesus Together. We believe the best way to follow Jesus together is to walk alongside of each other in life groups. Life Groups are for everyone, no matter your age, stage of life, or season you find yourself in. They exist to help people find meaningful connection and genuine Christian community, because no one is meant to walk alone.

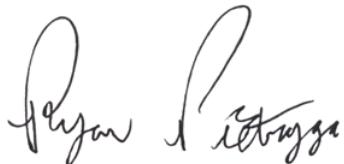


## About Life Groups *An Invitation For You*



In a Life Group, you'll find a place to belong, a space where you are known, welcomed and cared for. These groups create opportunities to grow together through study, shared life, honest conversation, prayer and encouragement.

Wherever you are on your journey, Life Groups offer people to walk alongside you as you grow in faith and life together. Consider joining one of these Life Groups and experience the community and blessing that happens when we do life together.



Pastor Ryan Pietryga



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# Types of Life Groups

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## GENERAL GROUPS:

- Open to everyone
- A great way to meet a variety of people
- Learn more about the Bible
- Have fun together

## PARENTS GROUPS:

- Open to those who have children or are on the journey to parenthood
- Children are not allowed at these groups

## AGE-SPECIFIC GROUPS:

- Open to anyone within a specific age range
- A great way to meet others in that age range

## COMMUNITY SERVICE GROUPS:

- Open to everyone who enjoys community service
- Make a difference in our city for God

## GENDER-SPECIFIC GROUPS

- Specific groups for men, women, wives, husbands, etc.
- Sorry guys, you can't join the Women's Groups!

## TEEN GROUPS:

- For high school and junior high students
- A great way to meet other students

## ACTIVITY GROUPS:

- For anyone who enjoys being involved in a common activity with others
- Example would be gathering together to watch The Chosen, and discuss

**Open Groups:** Welcoming new participants

**Full Groups:** Currently at capacity, not accepting new participants



# Age Specific Groups

## Kids birth-5<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Meets: Wednesdays | 6:30-8:30PM | Church**

**Group Leaders | Lindsay Moore & Brandon Davis**

We offer MPC Kids Life Groups for ages birth - 5th grade. We will meet Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:30PM. We will learn more about following Jesus, building friendships and having fun! There will be worship, games, snacks, lessons and more! This program is totally free and all kids are welcome.



## Middle & High School students

**Meets: Wednesdays | 6:30-8:30PM | Clayton Center**

**Group Leader | Levi Cole**

Teen LIFE Groups are a great way to dive deeper into scripture as we meet for small group study. Guys and girls meet separately for study and discussion and students can join at any time during the year.

## Young Adults/College Students

**Meets: Weekly | Sundays | 6:00-8:00PM | Church**

**Group Leader | Lauren Lorenz**

This group is tailored for Young Adults and college students to meet and discuss Rooted. This is a 12 week series starting in February.



Open



Open

## Young/Middle Age Adults

**Meets: Every other Wednesday | 6:30PM | Home**

**Group Leaders | Tim & Jessica Wendlandt**

This group is comprised of young and middle aged adults meeting at home in the North Hills. They are currently looking at studying the book of Acts.

## Older Adults

**Meets: Every Thursday | 10:00AM | Church**

**Group Leader | Dee Cuffman**

This group is tailored for Older Adults and Seniors. Join us each Thursday morning at 10AM from February 26 through April 16 in the Edinburgh Room where together we will dig deeper into the parables of Jesus and see how they related to our lives today.



Open

# Parent Groups

## Parents with Young Children

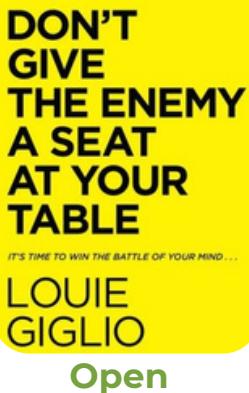
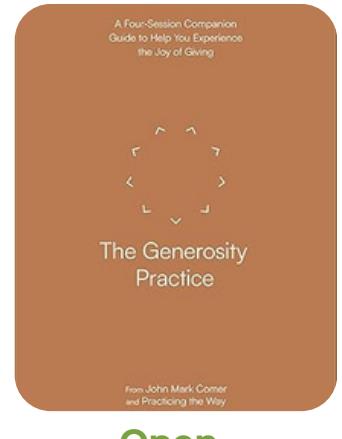
**Full Group Meets: 1st & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday | 6:30-8:30PM | Church**

**Men Meet: 2nd Wednesday | 8:00-10:00PM | Home/Restaurant**

**Women Meet: 4th Wednesday | 8:00-10:00PM | Home/Restaurant**

**Group Leaders | Josh & Juliana Kish**

This group is for parents of Young children and meets as a full group on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. This group is open to new members who can commit to regular attending for the year. Studying "Practicing The Way" a topical study on Sabbath, Scripture or Generosity - John Mark Comer. This group is fairly full, but open to new attenders if it's a good fit for all.



## Parents with Teenagers & Adult Children

**Meets: Every other Sunday | 6:30-8:30PM | Home**

**Group Leader | Teresa Fajt**

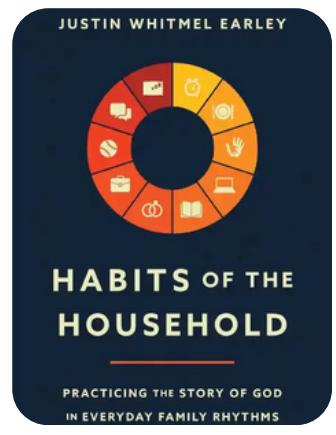
This group is comprised of parents of teenagers, meeting every other week to watch and discuss 'Don't give the enemy a seat at your table' by Louie Giglio which is a 6 session video series.

## Parents of Young Children

**Group Meets: Weekly on Wednesdays | 6:30-8:30PM | Church**

**Group Leader | Ryan Pietryga**

This is a **NEW** Group, just starting out for families with young children. This group will be meeting weekly to read and discuss "Habits of Household: Practicing the Story of God in Everyday Rhythms." by Justin Whitmel Earley. This group will gather in the MPC Kids Wing starting in February.



# General Groups

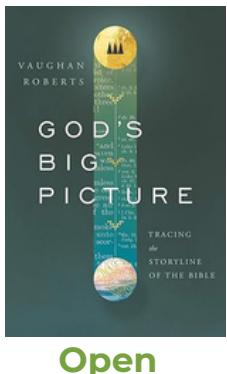
## Meets: One Friday per month | 7:00PM | Rotate Homes

### Group Leaders | Dave & Jan Anderson

This group is comprised of middle aged & retirees, meeting once a month to go through the Rooted study. Currently full and not accepting new participants.



Full

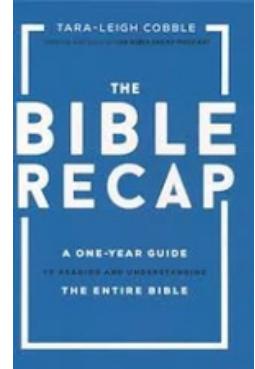


Open

## Meets: Weekly on Wednesday | 6:30-8:30PM | Church

### Group Facilitator | Greg Wilson

This is a **NEW** group being started by Greg Wilson. The group will be going through the book, "God's Big Picture" Tracing the Storyline of the Bible, by Vaughan Roberts starting in February. Greg will temporarily facilitate this group until it becomes established and another group participant takes over.



Full



Full

## Meets: Every other Saturday | 6:30PM | Home

### Group Leader | Janet Gess

This group is comprised of middle aged & retirees, meeting every other Saturday. Currently full and not available to take on additional participants.

# General Groups

## Meets: TBD | TBD | Home or Church

### Group Facilitator | Karen & Scot Kurtz

This **NEW** group is comprised of all demographics and will be studying various marriage topics. This group is aiming to start in February.



**Open**



**Full**

## Meets: Weekly on Thursday | 6:00PM | Rotate Homes

### Group Leader | Karen Kurtz

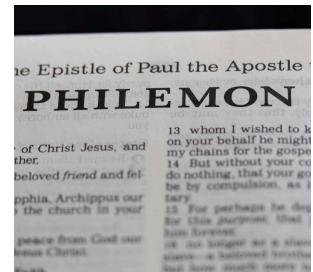
This group is comprised of middle aged and retiree couples. This group is currently full and not available to take on additional participants.

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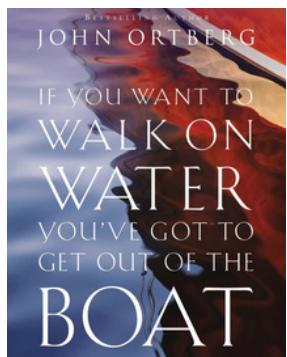
## Meets: One Monday per month | 7:00PM | Rotate homes

### Group Leader | Deb Gallo

This group is comprised of middle aged & retirees, meeting one Monday per month. The group just finished a study on Philemon and is currently discussing what to study next.



**Open**



**Full**

## Meets: Once a Month | Varies | Rotate Homes

### Group Leader | Carol Anewalt

This group is comprised of middle aged & retirees, meeting once a month at varying times. Studying John Ortberg's 'If you want to walk on water you've got to get out of the boat'. Currently full and not available to take on additional participants.

## Meets: Weekly | Mon, Tue or Wed Evening | Church

### Group Facilitator | Jeff McManus

This **NEW** group is comprised of all demographics and is open to ideas on what to study and when to meet. This group is aiming to start in February.



**Open**

# General Groups

**Meets: Every other Saturday | 7:30PM | Home**

**Group Leader | Corky Semler**

This is a group of middle age/retirees that meets every other Saturday in the Semler home to study a Francis Chan series on the Holy Spirit. This group is fairly full, but open to new attenders if it's a good fit for all.



**Full**



**Open**

**Meets: Every other Friday | Evening | Rotate Homes**

**Group Leader | Pete Puglies**

This group is comprised of middle aged and retirees, meeting every other Friday evening. Still deciding on what to study in the new year. This group is fairly full, but open to new attenders if it's a good fit for all.

**Meets: Every other Friday | 7:00PM | Rotate homes**

**Group Leader | Geoff Holmes**

This group is comprised of middle age adults, meeting every other Friday rotating homes from different group members, studying a Right Now Media series, TBD. This group is currently full and not available to invite in other members at this time.



**Full**

# Activity Groups



**Open**

**Meets: Every Monday | 6:30-8PM | Church**

**Group Leaders | Mike & Amy Wagner**

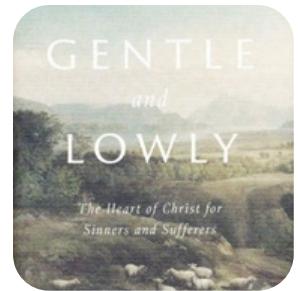
This group is comprised of all demographics, meeting weekly on Monday evenings, beginning in February, to watch and discuss The Chosen series.

# Gender-specific Groups

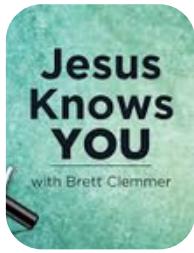
**Meets: Every Wednesday | 6:30-7:30AM | Church**

**Group Facilitator | Corky Semler**

This is a Men's group, meeting weekly on Wednesday mornings to read and discuss the book, Gentle and Lowly, The Heard of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers.



**Open**



**Open**

**Meets: Every Wednesday | 9:30-11AM | Church**

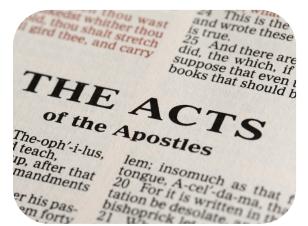
**Group Facilitator | Barb Kowalski**

This is a Women's Group. You are invited to join class as we turn our uncertainties to certainties that our Savior is in the eye of the storm with us. Travel with us as we work through our own stormy seas, and then as we near Holy Week, discuss Jesus' storm that changed everything. Materials will be provided for class.

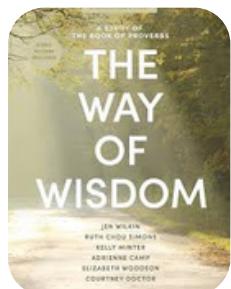
**Meets: Every Wednesday | 6:30-8PM | Church**

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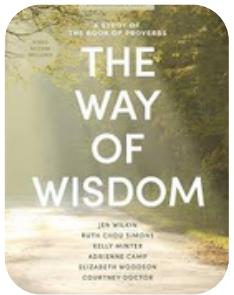
**Open**

**Meets: Every Wednesday | 9:30-11AM | Church**

**Group Facilitator | Michele Holmes & Chris O'Rourke**

This is a Women's Group. The book of Proverbs describes godly wisdom as a path that leads to life and flourishing. It also warns of the folly of worldly wisdom as a path that leads to the grave. How often do we call to mind wisdom found in the sayings for Proverbs to shed light on the path before us? If you are participating with the workbook please purchase before class.

# Gender-specific Groups



**Meets: Every Wednesday | 7:00-8:30PM | Church**

**Group Facilitator | Michele Holmes**

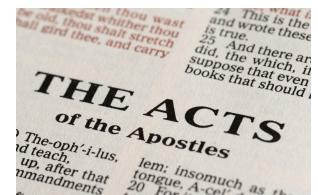
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**Meets: Every Thursday | 6:30-8AM | Church/Zoom**

**Group Facilitator | Pete Puglies**

This is a Men's group, made up of about 12 men, meeting for breakfast, followed by a time of discussion as they work through the book of Acts.



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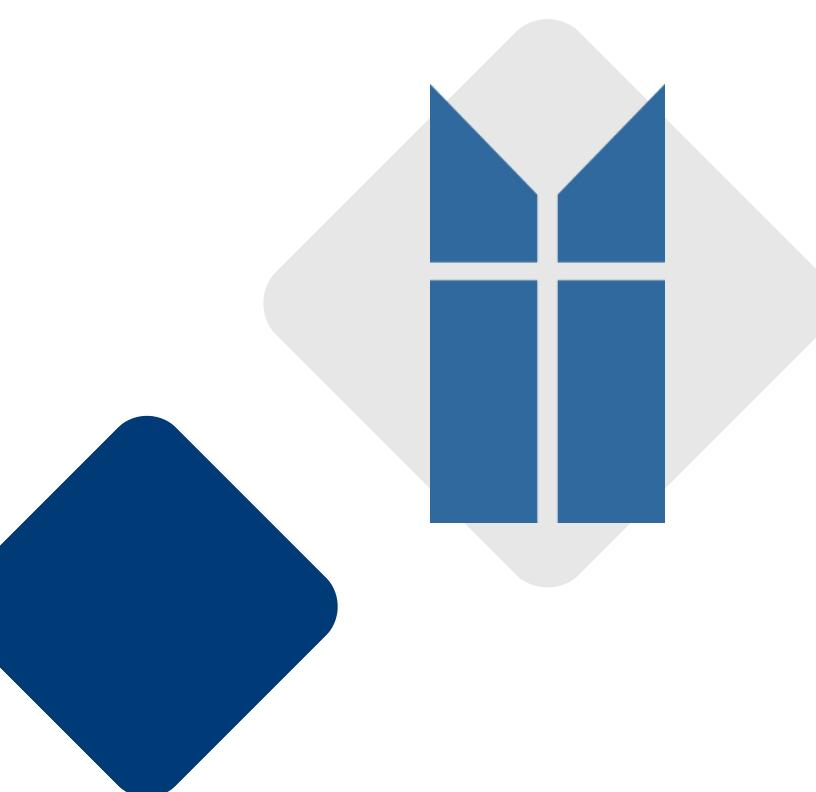


**Meets: Every Friday | 8:00-9:00AM | Church**

**Group Facilitator | Tom Anewalt**

This is a Men's Group that meets every Friday for a Continental Breakfast followed by various studies.

**Open**



# GOT QUESTIONS?

Interested in one of the Small Groups or Life Groups at MPC? Perhaps you're interested in starting your own, but don't know where to begin? If you have a group that you would like to organize into a Life Group, let us know and we can help you! Please reach out to Pastor Ryan at [rpietryga@mpcepc.org](mailto:rpietryga@mpcepc.org) or Michelle Searock at [msearock@mpcepc.org](mailto:msearock@mpcepc.org) for more information. You can also go to our website and click on the Adult Groups and Classes section.

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