

∞ adult small groups

WHAT ARE THEY AND WHY DO WE DO IT?

We view Small Groups as a key part of the discipleship process for adults at Otter Creek. There are many ways to be in a small group; Women's Ministry IF Groups, Men's Community Groups, Gardening Club, etc. We don't expect you to be in multiple groups. But, we think being in at least one is vital to creating connection and belonging, for you and others, as we grow together unto Christlikeness. The two main pillars of adult small groups at OC are **Life Groups** and **Connect Groups**.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE GROUPS AND CONNECT GROUPS?

∞ life groups

- Formed mostly organically
- Schedule is set by the group
- Indefinite End dates
- Led by Life Group Leaders
- Low control (or sometimes even low awareness) from OC staff

∞ connect groups

- Short Term
- Start date and End Dates are known (January-October)
- Groups are formed with thought and intentionality based on sign ups
- Meeting times are 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month
- (with room for group discernment on timing as needed)

Adult discipleship at OC is the formation of Jesus followers into Christlikeness through compassion, connection, and curiosity.



connect groups

for 2025

WHAT IS IT?

It's an attempt to make this church better by making it smaller. That may sound weird, but we think we all flourish when we are known, loved, missed, and growing relationally. Sometimes that is hard to do in a big group... So we want to get small.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

[click HERE](#)

WHEN DO THEY MEET?

1-2 times a month.
OCKids and OCYG leave 1st and 3rd sunday afternoon/evenings open so families and volunteers can participate in small groups. Those dates would be prime targets, but find what works best for your group.

WHAT'S THE COMMITMENT?

January-October. We break over holidays and give you time to reassess. If your group is thriving and you want to keep it going, you can transition into a **Life Group**. If you need a reset (or you just want to meet more of the OC family) we'll put you in a new Connect Group.

WHAT WILL WE TALK ABOUT?

This will be determined by the group. we have a few suggestions at

[ottercreek.org/
small-group-resources](https://ottercreek.org/small-group-resources)

We recommend spending the first few meetings getting to know each other.

WHO IS IN CHARGE?

You all are. We value input. We need a group coordinator just to make sure communication is happening, but our hope is all are involved in setting the tone. we want these groups to grow together.

WHERE DO WE MEET?

Homes are usually the best. But that may not work for every group. Parks, restaurants, or other public spaces may be great. If you would like to utilize space in an OC building, coordinate that with the office by contacting luke.howard@ottercreek.org

WHAT ELSE DO WE DO?

Finding a way to serve together 1-2x a year would be awesome. Serve a meal at Green Street or at Room in the Inn. Rake some yards. Pick a meeting or two to serve, and you'll be shocked how much that impacts your relational growth.

BUT WHY?

Read acts 2:42-27.

Big ideas: Let's meet to fellowship. Let's meet to pray. Let's find a way to serve .

We're in this together.