



Hello Journey Group Leaders and Hosts!

Welcome to Journey Groups! Thank you for leading or hosting your group. We are so grateful for your leadership and willingness to serve and we are honored to have you on our team.

Our Foundation

“Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. Let everything you say be good and helpful so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.” -Ephesians 4:3,29

We believe that groups are the core of a healthy church and thriving community, our desire is that everyone who calls Journey home is part of a group. We want to give you all the support and resources you need to facilitate your group well. In this packet you will find information to help prepare for this semester.

You can find all our leader resources and sermon discussion guides on our groups page at journeycolorado.com/connect/groups.

Thank you for all you do, we are praying for meaningful community and blessings in your group this semester.

In Christ,

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BUILD THE FUTURE

Thank you for leading or hosting a group this fall!

We're kicking off the semester with our 7-week BUILD THE FUTURE sermon series, where our whole church—from kids to adults—will walk through the book of Nehemiah together. We'll explore what God is calling us to as individuals, as a church, and in our community.

Group Rhythm:

We are asking all groups to meet weekly during the series to help build consistency, deepen relationships, and grow in faith together.

What You'll Need:

All resources are available at journeycolorado.com/connect/groups

Sermon Discussion Guides: Weekly guides with questions for thoughtful discussion.

Intro Videos: A 3–5 minute video from Scotty to kick off each session.

Additional Resources: Scripture, books, podcasts, and videos for further study.

Invite Others:

Your group can include anyone—even those who don't attend Journey. The guides are Bible-based and easy to follow, and you can share message links from our website or YouTube.

Let's grow together as we build toward God's future!

SYSTEMS

Church Center

This is the app where you can easily manage your group. Use the QR code to download the app. You can also access Church Center at journeycolorado.churchcenter.com/groups.



Features for Church Center

- Share your group using your group specific QR code or text invite to friends from your group.
- Group Messaging
- Take attendance
- See your group details, meeting times/days and members.

COMMITMENT

Groups thrive on participation and commitment. The purpose of this commitment is to help you discuss the purpose of groups at Journey, the groups goals, and commitments with your group.

Journey Groups: Their Purpose

Our purpose is to connect through meaningful relationships, grow through prayer and Bible study and serve one another and our community as we take our next steps.

Share

Each week we will take time to share what is going on in our lives. This sharing can take place through natural conversation and/or using ice breaker questions as we build trust and comfort. We desire to truly know one another and grow together.

Grow

We'll study God's Word using the weekly sermon guide or approved curriculum, aiming to apply our faith in everyday life through meaningful discussion and prayer.

Serve

Spiritual growth happens as we care for one another. Look for opportunities each quarter to serve within the group and together in our community, using your gifts to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Next Steps

We seek to encourage each other in our spiritual walk as we take our next steps in our faith. At Journey this discipleship path consists of; growing in spiritual disciplines, attending church regularly, baptism, serving, giving, Crash Course and meeting together regularly.

Group Values

For our group to be healthy, we need to...

1. Make spiritual growth our priority (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
2. Keep our commitments to the group - regularly meeting & confidentiality (Heb 10:24-25)
3. Care for one another (John 13:34)
4. Accept one another (Romans 15:7)
5. Respect one another (Philippians 2:3)

FIRST NIGHT AGENDA

Contact ALL members on your group roster at least ONE WEEK BEFORE your first meeting to welcome them. Encourage them to download the Church Center app if they do not have it and provide them with location, time and other details for your group. We encourage food/drinks at your meetings and you can ask them to bring something based on your plan.

Ensure your group information is accurate and up to date. One day prior to your meeting, use Church Centers message feature to let everyone know you are looking forward to seeing them on the specified meeting day/time.

Goals For First Meeting

- Meet new members and/or catch up with friends
- Clarify semester direction, commitment and expectations
- Discuss sermon topic (or chosen curriculum)
- Pray for and with your group - pray for meaningful community and spiritual growth

Essential Parts Of Your Evening

1. Welcome, Mingle, Food and Drinks, learn everyone's name
 - a. Meet people at the door, play music, have food/snacks/drink.
 - b. Remember, arrival is a critical time for new members so connect with them and introduce them to one other person.
2. First Group Discussion
 - a. Have an intro activity or conversation starters
 - b. Discuss group commitment - review meeting times and share Group Purpose and Values listed above. It is important that your group members know you are committed and you look forward to meeting with them consistently.
 - c. Discuss message or cover study plan for your meetings
 - d. Close in prayer - Pray over your group and dedicate this time to God.
3. As you wrap up, keep in mind your closing (or dessert) conversations are just as important as your meeting discussions.