

Our GrowGroup Values:

Relationships: While prayer and discussion of biblical principles are key elements of a GrowGroup, the driving force behind the group is the building of relationships.

Authenticity: The atmosphere of a GrowGroup should encourage openness and transparency among members. This is an environment where people should feel free to be themselves.

Confidentiality: For authenticity to occur, members must be able to trust that issues discussed with a Grow-Group are not to be shared outside the group.

Respect: Group members should never say anything that will embarrass their spouse or members of the group.

Availability: A primary responsibility of community is to prioritize for specific relationships. This requires a willingness to be available to meet each other's needs.

Multiplication: Group members recognize that one of the goals of their group is to start a new group in the next fall or spring semester. This allows others to experience Grow-Group relationships and Christian growth.

GrowGroups

A place where ...

“Outsiders” Become “Insiders”
The Disconnected Become Connected
The Impersonal Becomes Personal
The Individual Finds Community
“Their Church” Becomes “Our Church”
One Lost in a Crowd Becomes Found in a Group

We Balance Living Out . . .

The Great Commandments:

“Jesus replied: ‘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.’ All the law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Matthew 22:37-40

And the Great Commission:

“Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me, therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you, and surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.’”

Matthew 28:18-20



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What is a GrowGroup?

GrowGroups are our small group Bible Studies. They usually consist of 10 to 15 people who meet together weekly or bi-weekly for 8 to 12 weeks to study the Bible, make friends and have fun together.

Why do we have GrowGroups?

The Apostle Paul said in Acts 20:20, *“I have taught you publicly (our Celebration service) and from house to house (our small groups).”* This was the pattern of the first century church - to meet in both large and small groups. Each fulfilled a purpose the other could not. A small group is where the big becomes small and people are challenged to grow, be connected, and take risks in the context of a caring community.

Our goal at Del Sol is to have all attenders involved in GrowGroups where they are connecting with and caring for others, as well as being cared for. The look and feel of the groups may vary, but the foundation of connecting, caring, discipling and reaching out are common threads woven into each group.

Why should I join a small group?

GrowGroups are a place for you to get connected as well as be supported in times of crisis, change and stress. Groups provide the ideal context to build relationships with others. Small groups are an opportunity for you to understand and apply biblical truths to your life in order that you may know and love God more fully. GrowGroups will help you on your journey to growing closer to God and to becoming part of the Del Sol family. GrowGroups are an integral part of finding community and of the spiritual growth process.

Are all groups the same?

All GrowGroups share some similarities, but each group takes on its own personality based on members' interests, the curriculum studied and the developmental stages each group goes through.

When and where do people meet?

GrowGroups meet weekly or bi-weekly in homes, at church, in restaurants and a number of other places . . . anywhere people connect!

What happens at a small group meeting?

In a GrowGroup setting, you can ask questions, participate in a discussion and hear others share insights and illustrations from their own experience. Groups are encouraged to develop a plan which is designed to clarify expectations and keep the group on track. Group meetings are about living out Del Sol's vision and purpose (Loving God & Loving People and Serving the World) in the context of relationships and accountability.

What is the commitment?

Our semesters last from 8 to 12 weeks. During the next semester, you can try something completely new or sign up for the same or a similar GrowGroup.

What about childcare?

Each group addresses this issue according to the group's needs.

If you would like to help with a GrowGroup, fill this out and drop it by the Information Center or call 855-3798 ext. 120.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Best time to call: _____

Email: _____