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# Growth

 G R O U P S

...UNTIL WE ALL ATTAIN TO THE UNITY OF THE FAITH  
AND OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE SON OF GOD, TO  
MATURE MANHOOD, TO THE MEASURE OF THE STATURE  
OF THE FULLNES OF CHRIST -EPHESIANS 4:13

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# OUR MISSION

To glorify God by making disciples of Jesus Christ

## OUR DIMENSIONS OF DISCIPLESHIP



### **Our Growth Groups and Classes support our STUDY dimension**

#### **Study**

“We will seek to be transformed into increasing Christlikeness as we study and apply the timeless truth of the Bible to our lives.”

We place a high priority on carefully studying the Word of God, individually and in growth groups, so that we may grow in our knowledge of God, His will for us, and spiritual maturity. (Psalm 1:1-3, John 8:31-32, Acts 2:42)

**Involvement in a Growth Group Bible study is a vital means of spiritual growth and support!**

# CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

## NEWS & NOTES

Most of our classes meet on Sunday mornings at the church from 9:00-9:50 a.m. These classes are aimed at helping us gain a good, foundational understanding of Scripture and the Christian life. They are open to anyone.

We will be offering several new classes this year. Also, the main four classes we have been offering in years past, Classes 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, and 1.4 will be offered at the same time on Sunday mornings. If you have not been through Classes 1.1 through 1.4, we encourage you to attend each one.

We will announce when each class will be offered in our Sunday bulletin and on our church website ([www.cornerstonemayfield.org](http://www.cornerstonemayfield.org)).

## **CLASS 1.1 Membership at Cornerstone**

God made us to be a part of a church family. And that's exactly what we hope Cornerstone Community Church will be for you and your family. That's why we want to share with you what we believe and where we're going.

Our Membership Class is the basic introduction to our church family designed to clearly explain who we are, what we believe, and what our church is all about. This is a great opportunity to learn about Cornerstone Community Church, to get to know one of our pastors, and to meet others.

You don't have to become a member to attend the class it's just for your information. But if you would like to become a member, both sessions are required. We'll explain how we operate, the history of our church, answer your questions, and explain how our membership process works. After the class you can decide whether or not you would like to join us in membership. Classes are offered twice a year.

## **CLASS 1.2 Practices of a Growing Christian**

All Christians eventually ask the same kinds of questions:

How can I grow closer to God? How can I grow in my faith and character? Where do I start? Class 1.2 is designed to answer these and many other questions.

During this 2-part class, you will learn four habits that will energize and renew your spiritual life. It focuses on the basic habits every Christian needs to develop in order to grow into spiritual maturity. We'll look at how to get the most from the Bible, the habit of a daily time with God, the habit of prayer, the habit of good stewardship, the habit of fellowship, and developing spiritual discipline.

## **CLASS 1.3 Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts**

God has given every Christian at least one spiritual gift to equip him or her to build up the Body of Christ. This practical workshop is designed to show you how you may know, use, and develop the spiritual gift(s) given to you by God for the purpose of serving others. Topics include: the purpose of spiritual gifts, descriptions of each gift, abuses of the gifts, the balanced church. We'll provide you with a workbook and a questionnaire that will help you recognize your spiritual gift(s).

## **CLASS 1.4 Effective Evangelism**

There's no greater news for mankind than the gospel of Jesus Christ. If the gospel is such "good news", why do we often find it so difficult to tell people about it? Most often it's because of a lack of preparation and training. Class 1.4 is a morning of practical training on sharing your faith with those who don't know Jesus Christ.

Here's a sample of the practical things you'll learn:

- How to overcome fear and anxiety in sharing the gospel
- Building bridges to those who don't know Christ without compromising your convictions
- How to turn almost any conversation to the gospel
- Tips on sharing the gospel when you don't have much time with someone
- Tips on sharing your personal testimony
- What to do when people ask difficult or controversial questions
- Common witnessing illustrations to make concepts more vivid and memorable

## **Managing Your Money - God's Way!**

Without a proper view of our money and its purposes, many Christians get themselves into significant financial difficulty that puts great strain on themselves and their families. Learn what the Bible has to say about our money and how to manage it in a way that pleases God and meets our needs. At this workshop, we'll discuss biblical principles as well as practical instruction about budgeting and other money matters.

## Perspectives on the World Christian Movement

This 15-week course is for all believers who want to understand more about, and have their vision expanded, to see God's redemptive plan for people through world missions. Each week a special guest speaker will teach on the biblical, historical, cultural or strategic perspective of missions. This course can be taken at three levels of commitment: *Key Reading Level*, *Certificate Level*, or for *Graduate or Undergraduate credit*. Look for more information in the upcoming weeks or visit [www.perspectives.org](http://www.perspectives.org) for more information.

# GROWTH GROUPS INTRO

## Why are they called Growth Groups?

Our Mission Statement is “to glorify God by making disciples of Jesus Christ.” What are we always working hard to accomplish in our ministry? In a word: growth. We want to foster an environment where we can *grow* as disciples of Christ! Growth in what areas?

- **Growth in our knowledge of Scripture.** At the top of the list is that we want to our people to grow in their knowledge the Bible. The truth of Scripture is our spiritual food. It’s life to us! If there’s anything our groups must produce, they must produce growth in our knowledge of Scripture.
- **Growth in our love of God.** As we know God better through studying His Word, we grow to love Him more! Knowledge of Scripture must not simply end in fuller brains and academic advancement. It must lead to greater worship! It must lead to greater love and honor and awe of our glorious Creator God!
- **Growth in godliness** (on-going sanctification). The Word of God is living and active. It’s sharper than any two-edged sword. It’s a mirror. It’s profitable for teaching, reproof, correction, training in righteousness. We are not to be passive learners of Scripture, but active appliers! We are to humbly submit ourselves to its teachings and conform our lives to it.
- **Growth in our spiritual depth.** Life is often very difficult. The world, challenging life circumstances, and the devil pound on us every day. We need greater spiritual depth to be able to weather the storms of life. We need to understand what God is working to accomplish. Studying and discussing Scripture as we walk through life together grows our spiritual depth.
- **Growth in our relationships with one another.** We need each other! We can’t thrive as disciples of Christ on our own. We grow best in the context of loving relationships. And relationships flourish and grow as we study together, love one another, laugh together, pray for one another, and go through life together.

# GROWTH GROUPS FAQ's

## What IS a Growth Group?

A Growth Group is a group of usually 8 to 14 people who meet together on a regular basis to **study** the Bible, **discuss** how it applies to their lives, personally **connect** with each other through fellowship and **pray** for one another.

## Why should I be in one?

Biblically, every Christian is a disciple. A disciple is a learner, a follower of Jesus Christ. The Growth Group is our primary means of helping people grow into spiritually maturing disciples. It's where we can ask questions and learn from one another. It's where we learn how God's Word impacts our daily life and how we can go about making it real and personal.

The Growth Group is also where we develop meaningful, supportive relationships with others. It's just not possible to develop close friendships when you only see one another occasionally on Sunday mornings. Relationships take time to develop; they need regular interaction on a deeper level. That's what Growth Groups specialize in!

## When and where do they meet?

Our Growth Groups typically meet weekly (Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Sundays) from September through May. Most groups meet in the evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., but we also offer a group for women that meets on a weekday morning and one group that meets on Sunday afternoons. Most groups will have a minimal fee that will cover the cost of a book or a study guide.

To sign up for a group, please use the appropriate sign-up sheet during the fall or summer registration period or call the Growth Group Director, Pastor Ed Fedor, at the church office. He can be reached at 440-442-6470.

# Growth Groups at a Glance

Group	Leader	Day	Location
The Gospel of John	Ed Fedor	Monday	Member's homes
Knowing God	Chris Roegiers	Monday	Lyndhurst
Heresy	Taryl Jasper	Monday	Church
Biblical Principles for Family Living	Scott Hatteberg	Monday	Solon
Exalting Jesus in 1 & 2 Kings	Paul Coumos	Tuesday	Mayfield Heights
Part 1: The Discipline of Grace Part 2: The Book of Joshua	Dave Anderson	Tuesday	Church
Fundamentals of Biblical Counseling	Armand Tiffe	Tuesday	Church
Foundations	Al Radis	Wednesday	Highland Hts.
The New Testament letters of I, II, III John	Jim Piscioneri	Wednesday	Church
Part 1: The Battle Plan for Prayer Part 2: Written in Stone	Joe Martukovich	Wednesday	Church
"All Things New" - A study in 2 Corinthians	Larry Carmical	Wednesday	Church
The Blessing of Humility	Fred Bucci	Wednesday	Mayfield Hts.
ACBC Exam Study Group	Armand Tiffe	Every other Wednesday	Church
Brokenness, Surrender and Holiness (For women)	Kathy Bavec	Wed. a.m.	Church
The Old Testament - "...haven't you read?"	Patrick Martin	Sundays	Church

# Growth Groups

## The Gospel of John

In his gospel account, the apostle John essentially says to his readers, “You’ve got to see Jesus for yourself. There’s so much more to Jesus, and what He’s done for you, than you can possibly imagine or even hope!” To see Jesus in John’s Gospel is to discover Christ and, consequently, to be changed forever. John, himself, told us of his grand purpose in writing this book: “...so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” (John 20:31).

Leader: Pastor Ed Fedor  
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## Knowing God

What is God like? For author, A.W. Tozer, there’s no question more important. In fact, his desire to know God and His fullness consumed his entire life and ministry. Whether we’re aware of it or not, what we believe about God significantly impacts our outlook on all of life, on trials and challenges, on our interactions with people, on good or bad circumstances, etc.

*The Attributes of God* examines twenty of God’s attributes. These books make up an inspiring journey into the Father’s revelation of Himself. Tozer invites us to look more deeply into who God is. Each chapter is centered around appropriate Scriptures and will enable us to focus on the essential character of God.

Leader: Chris Roegiers  
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## **“Heresy” (September to December)**

From its beginning and through today, the church has been under attack by deceptive and destructive teachings that draw people away from the truth of who Christ is and the truth of the gospel message. In this four-month study, we will examine ancient heresies whose strains remain today and we will look at more modern heresies that attack the truth. We will learn the claims of gnosticism, arianism, sabellianism, the prosperity gospel, liberation theology, and many more. Our goal in studying error is to become a more discerning people who love the truth and the God of truth.

Leader: Taryl Jasper  
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At Cornerstone  
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## **Biblical Principles for Family Living**

This is the first year of a 2-year study which is built on the premise that the inspired Scriptures provide the method and means for meeting the challenges that families encounter in everyday living.

In the first year, we will use the practical application of Scripture to develop the primary relationship in the family: the husband-wife relationship.

In the second year, we will build on the marriage relationship as we study how to raise our children according to biblical principles. Topics to be studied will include changing the heart (not just behavior), proper goals for children, and how to incorporate spiritual matters into everyday life.

Leaders: Scott and Bobette Hatteberg  
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## Exalting Jesus in 1 & 2 Kings

The books of 1 & 2 Kings offer to believers so much more than just an ancient historical drama. They are an inspired collection of vignettes on the kings of Israel and Judah, and the prophets and priests who ministered to them. We are heartily encouraged by the faithful kings who “did right in the sight of the Lord,” yet we are deeply distressed by the wicked and foolish kings who “did evil in the sight of the Lord.” After getting a glimpse of how things are supposed to be, we are heartbroken to watch the decline and fall of both the leaders and the nation. It seems that even the best of them come up short, and we long for a man who not only follows God’s Word himself, but can lead us to follow it as well. Jesus is that true and better prophet, priest, and King of kings!

Leader: Paul Coumos

Tuesdays 7:00-9:00 p.m.

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### **Part 1: *The Discipline of Grace***

### **Part 2: The Old Testament Book of Joshua**

The first part of our study will focus on *The Discipline of Grace*, by Jerry Bridges. If you’ve ever struggled with what your role is and what role God takes in your growth as a Christian, this book will comfort and challenge you as you learn to rest in Christ while earnestly pursuing a life of godliness. We’ll explore how the same grace that brings us to faith in Christ also disciplines us in Christ.

The second part will be a study through the Old Testament book of Joshua. The book of Joshua reads like an exciting novel – from the miraculous crossing of the Jordan to the crash of the walls of Jericho and the sun stopping in the sky. Through it all, we see God’s faithfulness to His promises and His power. This book is very descriptive of the Christian journey away from a life of bondage and sin into the Promised Land where we learn that life’s battles can be fought and won with the Lord’s strength.

Leader: Dave Anderson

Tuesdays 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

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## **Fundamentals of Biblical Counseling**

People are looking for hope that there are answers for their hurts, their difficulties, and the challenges they face. The Bible is inspired by God and is sufficient to instruct us in living a life that is pleasing to Him. It has God's answers for our personal and relational problems. This training course, Fundamentals of Biblical Counseling, will challenge you personally to grow in your spiritual walk, and it will equip you to minister God's life-changing Word more effectively to those who are looking for answers. It will help any Christian to be more effective in discipling others in overcoming life's problems. And, for those who are interested in becoming a Certified Biblical Counselor, it will also meet the Basic Training Course requirement for Phase One in the certification process through the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors (ACBC). It will lay the foundation of biblical counseling principles and practices, of marriage and family relationships, and problems frequently encountered in counseling cases. Detailed information on the certification process through ACBC can be found at [www.biblicalcounseling.com/certification](http://www.biblicalcounseling.com/certification).

This training will function like a class, not like a typical Growth Group; it will be mainly lecture. There is no charge for the training, but several required textbooks will need to be purchased costing approximately \$40.

Instructors: Armand and Kathy Tiffe

Tuesdays, 7:00–9:00 pm, beginning September 13, 2015 through May 2016

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## **Foundations**

If you desire to be “rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith” (Col. 2:7), then this is a perfect place to start. This group will examine what it means to be a Christ-centered disciple, how to have victory over sin, how to grow toward spiritual maturity, the role of the Bible in your life, the role of the Holy Spirit in your life, how to know God’s will, how to share your faith and much more. This study is ideal for those new to Growth Groups and for those who want to strengthen their understanding of the foundations of the Christian life.

Leader: Al Radis

Wednesdays 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

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## **The New Testament Letters of I, II, III John**

"When false teachers began to undermine the faith of Christians at the end of the first century, the Apostle John responded with hard-hitting words about righteousness, love and truth. His message continues to expose falsehood and give true Christians confidence in their relationship with God."

Leader: Jim Piscioneri

Wednesdays 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

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## **Part 1: The Battle Plan for Prayer**

### **Part 2: Written in Stone**

Part 1: God calls us to have and to continue to develop a personal relationship with Him (Emmanuel-God with us). We draw closer to Him through continually seeking Him in prayer. Join us as we search and apply Scripture relating to prayer and work through *The Battle Plan for Prayer* to inspire and grow our faith in Him.

“Prayer should become your first plan of attack in all of life’s battles, not your last resort. If you want to walk in greater victory while enjoying mightily answered prayer on a regular basis, it’s time to engage with God at a deeper level. Then you can discover firsthand that nothing is beyond His reach, and that knowing Him is the greatest reward of all.” (excerpt from *The Battle Plan for Prayer* by Stephen and Alex Kendrick).

Part 2: Written In Stone (study of the 10 commandments)

Are the 10 Commandments relevant today? We are called to self-examine our life, our Christian “walk” on a continual basis. How do you apply the 10 Commandments to living your life as a Christian today? Our group will be studying each of the 10 Commandments (Ex. 20:1-21) and use the study book, *Written in Stone*, by Philip Graham Ryken.

“Ryken offers basic principles for interpreting and applying them (10 Commandments)-explaining them one by one, illustrating each with a biblical account, and relating each to the person and redemptive work of Jesus Christ” (from *Written in Stone*, by Philip Graham Ryken).

Leader: Joe Martukovich

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## **“All Things New” – a study in 2 Corinthians**

This is the apostle Paul’s second letter to the believers at Corinth. Though Paul addresses specific issues in that church at that time, the letter encourages, challenges and impacts the life of every believer in so many areas: comfort in severe difficulties, confession and forgiveness, our sufficiency in Christ, the devil’s schemes, God’s purposes in trials, our ambassadorship for Christ, faithful stewardship, spiritual warfare, the grace of God, and so much more.

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## ***The Blessing of Humility* by Jerry Bridges (September through December)**

“We all admire humility when we see it, but how do we actually practice it? How does humility - the foundational virtue of the Christian life - become a normal part of our everyday lives? Jerry Bridges sees in the Beatitudes a series of blessings from Jesus, and a pattern for humility in action. This final book, published posthumously after Jerry went home to be with the Lord in March, is certain to be a heart and life-changer.”

Leader: Fred Bucci

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## **ACBC Exam Study Group (Association of Certified Biblical Counselors)**

This group is designed for anyone who has completed the Fundamentals of Biblical Counseling Course through Cornerstone Community Church or another ACBC certified training center and desires to move forward toward certification in biblical counseling through the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors. Detailed information on the certification process can be found at [www.biblicalcounseling.com/certification](http://www.biblicalcounseling.com/certification).

The purpose of this group is to help you complete the ACBC Theological and Counselor's Exams. (Note: they are open book exams. Several textbooks will need to be purchased). We will break down these exams into smaller portions, working on approximately 2-3 questions every two weeks. The maximum benefit from this study group will be by each person working on the assigned exam questions prior to the class, and then learning how to fine-tune them in the class. This process will help in strengthening your answers and sharpening your skills and knowledge in biblical counseling. This study group will be helpful in motivating you to complete these exams, bringing you a significant step forward in the certification process.

Facilitators: Armand and Kathy Tiffe

Every other Wednesday, 7:00-8:30 p.m., beginning September 14, 2015 thru May 2016

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## ***Brokenness, Surrender and Holiness,*** **by Nancy Leigh DeMoss**

*A study for women.* Nancy Leigh DeMoss is beloved for her openness, insight, and boldness in urging women to give themselves wholly to God. You'll see why in these three powerful works, packed into one hardbound, collectible edition.

### **BROKENNESS**

Nancy DeMoss has discovered an irrefutable spiritual principle: before every great movement of God there is always a time of deep repentance. Here is her moving, true account of how God created that brokenness in others—and the astonishing revival that followed.

### **SURRENDER**

For a Christian, waving the white flag doesn't mean, "I give up!" It means, "Victory at last!" Struggling with stubborn habits? Secret sin? Spiritual strongholds? The key isn't how committed you are to the battle—it's how surrendered you are to God. Here is the breakthrough you've been waiting for—the first step towards a deeper, richer, victorious spiritual life.

### **HOLINESS**

Your fullest experience of God will only come when your life is holy and your heart is pure. If you're longing for a deeper connection with God, you must first answer His call to holiness. Here Nancy Leigh DeMoss shares practical principles for having a life that is set apart—and a heart is set on fire.

Leader: Kathy Bavec

Wednesday mornings 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

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## **The Old Testament – “...haven’t you read?”**

This study will examine the who, what, when, where and why of the Tenakh, the Jewish Bible. As the only Scriptures available to the very early church, we will examine what was prophesied to happen for and to Israel and the world and perhaps most importantly: why. From “In the beginning God...” to Malachi 4’s reference to the second coming of Christ, the OT is the foundation for God’s plan for mankind. Directly quoted over 800 times in the New Testament and referenced even more, the OT reveals that the Messiah was sent “at the appointed time” to change Judaism and the world with a New (and better) Covenant, foretold by the Prophet Jeremiah. Paul informed the church at Rome of the value of (OT) Bible study ... “for whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope” Romans 15:4.

Leader: Patrick Martin

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