



CROSSPOINTE PEACHTREE CITY FALL 2020 COMMUNITY GROUP STRATEGY

APPROACH

Establishing a strategy for Community Groups in the midst of the challenges associated with COVID-19 is no small task. Knowing that a one-size-fits-all approach simply won't work, we've come up with the following options for the Fall 2020 semester. We're encouraging group leaders and members to determine the best option for their group, based on unique group dynamics and considerations (which may include creative possibilities not listed). Our expectation is that any approach include, through the use of technology, those group members who intend to continue to utilize the digital platform only.

The Split Gender Approach: With this approach, men and women would rotate in an effort to minimize challenges associated with childcare (women one week and men the next, though both gathering weekly on different days would be encouraged if feasible).

The Alternating Platform Approach: With this approach, a full Community Group roster would rotate from week to week between gathering in person and gathering via Zoom (as a way of phasing into in-person gatherings).

The Pre-COVID Approach: With this approach, groups would gather as they were accustomed to prior to COVID-19.

While some groups may utilize the same approach throughout the fall semester from beginning to end, we fully expect that some groups will shift from one approach to another as the semester unfolds. We're going to have to lean into honest, ongoing conversations with our group leaders and members in order to know how to best approach this ministry environment in the months to come.

LOCATION

Knowing that each and every group is unique in its host home situation, options are important not only with respect to approach but also location. We don't want any of our host home families to feel any sort of undue pressure to host if it's not something they're comfortable with. That said, we want groups to feel the freedom to be creative regarding where to gather. The following are just a few possibilities of where to implement the approach that your group decides on.

Living Room: With this option, those in attendance would gather either (1) in the living room of their host home family or (2) in the living room of another individual or family if the host home family isn't comfortable hosting.

Yard Hang: With this option, those in attendance would gather either (1) in some sort of outdoor setting associated with their host home family or (2) in some sort of outdoor setting associated with another individual or family if the host home family isn't comfortable hosting (porch, deck, yard, etc.).

Public Location: With this option, those in attendance would gather at a coffee shop, restaurant, park, or some other public setting.

The list of options associated with location, coupled with the list of options associated with approach, provides each group with nine different possibilities of how to go about gathering this fall. And that's without taking any sort of creative possibilities not listed in this document into account.

CONTENT

With this options-based strategy, the content itself will need to be broad enough to work across the board. What that means is that we won't be able to operate this fall according to the rhythms which our groups have grown accustomed. Instead, resources will have a week-to-week uniformness about them so that they can be implemented regardless of approach and location. Groups will be encouraged to work through the following elements in whatever order is most beneficial to the group.

Scripture: Each weekly resource will include a couple of questions associated with the passage of Scripture most recently preached. This will help to keep us grounded in God's Word.

Care and Outreach: Each weekly resource will also include questions pertaining to care and outreach. This will help us to know how to support each other and our community in the midst of any new or developing hardships or struggles.

Prayer: Finally, each weekly resource will also include prayer prompts. This will help to keep us on our knees before the Lord in the coming weeks and months.

As you may have noticed, the weekly resource will look very similar to that which was provided toward the end of the spring. Our hope is that groups will be able to shift their approach or location throughout the fall semester more seamlessly, knowing that there will be a weekly consistency with respect to the content itself.