

What does it mean to Build Community, Live Missionally, Make Disciples, and Reproduce Groups?

Build Community

We were made for community! In the grand design of the way that God made mankind, he created us with a need for relationships with other people (Genesis 1:1, 1:26). Body Life Groups are the way to connect with others at Grace Point Church and be in community with one another. Body Life Groups are the primary way to develop lasting relationships that go beyond the surface of “hi’s and bye’s.” We highly encourage our leaders to be open, honest, and vulnerable to develop a deeper sense of community.

Live Missionally

"**Missional living**" is a term that describes the missionary lifestyle; adopting the posture, thinking, behaviors, and practices of a missionary in order to engage others with the gospel message. This is the heart of God as well as the heart of GPC. We believe that “the mission (Matt. 28:19-20)” is best accomplished when believers work together to fulfill this task. In fact, studies have shown that when “the mission” is the primary motivator of small groups, then true, Biblical community naturally follows it. We are called as believers, together, to be on mission in the neighborhoods where our BLGs meet as well as in our own communities.

Make Disciples

What is the first thing you think of when you think of the Great Commission (Matt 28:18-20 - Go therefore and make disciple of all nations...)? The majority would say “go.” However, the emphasis and focus is on “make.” Making disciples at GPC is one of our purposes and we believe it can best be done in the context of a small group. BLGs provide the opportunity for men and women to walk alongside one another in their faith journey. BLGs allow people to mature in their faith for the express purpose of helping others develop in their faith.

Reproduce Groups

If one of our purposes for BLGs is to make disciples then the result would be more disciples. Making disciples necessitates the need for reproducing groups. As we grow and mature in our faith we desire to see others grow and mature in their faith. As our groups build community, live missionally, and make disciples, we reproduce. It should be the natural outgrowth of our body life groups.