

## Common objections to small groups and a response:

- *“I don’t have enough time to do this.”* Think about these questions - “What matters most to you?” “What’s the wise thing to do with your time?” We have time for the things we value most. Taking advantage of opportunities to grow your spiritual life and your connection with other believers is something that will benefit you individually, in your marriage, in your family, & in other connections you have. You can’t be involved in every group, but at least be involved in a group.
- *“I won’t fit in.”* – The root of this battle is insecurity. What if Moses would have given in to his insecurities? What if Gideon would have given in to his? You may have heard the parable of the talents and the one man who didn’t invest, he just buried his talent. What if he did this not because he was lazy but because he was insecure? The Bible actually says that he was afraid. God has not given us a spirit of fear. We are fearfully and wonderfully made. We are created in Christ Jesus, in the image of God. Proverbs tells us that the fear of man is a trap. Don’t let insecurity rob you of what God wants to do in you and through you.
- *“I’m not spiritual enough.”* – You don’t have to be a biblical scholar, you just need to be hungry for the word of God. You don’t have to come with all the answers, it’s ok to come with questions. The whole point of groups is to help us all grow together spiritually.
- *“People are going to expect me to share.”* You’re probably thinking your privacy is going to be invaded, but you only share what you are willing to share. You don’t have to open up and talk about anything more than you want to talk about. No one is going to ask you to lie on a couch, while everyone else examines the complexities of your mind. It’s about building relationships and growing spiritually.
- *“What am I going to do with my kids?”* There’s a lot of options that can be discussed and we will even give your group suggestions if you ask. One thing we do know that is when we need child care we can often find it. In fact, if you are creative enough together, we bet you could come up with ways as well.