

get in a GROUP

2010

The following pages are full of information on groups. Whether you are looking for a great place to meet people and build friendships in a relaxing smaller setting or you are pursuing intentional spiritual growth, Stonegate has a group for you. In addition to the title of the study and who each group is led by, we have included information on which of the six spiritual practices each of the studies address.

After reviewing your options, please fill out the perforated form on the back of this page. Make sure to have your 1st choice and 2nd choice completed in case a group fills up. Return your completed form to the Groups Sign Up table or the Adult Kiosk. You may also register for a group online on our website at www.stonegatefellowship.com.



GROWTH

PIF Praying In Faith

LIW Living In The Word

AIC Abiding In Christ

COMMUNITY

BGR Building Godly Relationships

INFLUENCE

SMS Sharing My Story

ETM Engaging The Mission

GROWTH GROUPS

Spring 2010 Growth Groups

These study based groups meet on a weekly basis for each semester usually in a classroom setting. The group you choose may be based on the study offered or the times it will be offered. You will be able to choose from Sunday mornings, weeknights or weekday mornings. Childcare is offered on campus during these classes.

BGR

A Modern Girl's Guide to Bible Study (Women's Study)

9 sessions / Thursday 9:30-11am / Life Building

This is a funny, down-to-earth book that will encourage and equip women to read and actually understand their bibles. Written specially for today's busy woman, author Jen Hatmaker introduces a refreshing way to learn and laugh while forming a deeper relationship with God's Word. Led by Karen Fisher

AIC

Any Questions?

7 sessions / COM Sunday evenings 6pm / Main Building Connection Room / no registration required

When someone begins a relationship with God there are lots of questions like: "What really happened to me?" "Should I feel different?" "What's next?" "Where do I go from here and how do I get there?" "Should I expect changes in my life?" "Should I ask help or just act like I know what to do next?" "How do I understand the Bible and how often should I read it?" Good, valid questions! Come get answers. Led by Peter and Val Careless

BGR

Fathered by God (Men's Study)

10 sessions / Tuesday 7-8:30pm / Building E

Learn the six stages a man goes through as he matures in life and faith as John Eldredge shares insights and teachings on how each stage can be encouraged and supported by those around you. Fathered by God maps out the path of manhood - not more rules, not another list of principles, not formulas, but a sure path men have followed for centuries before us. Find that path and become the man God sees in you.

LIW

Foundations for Faith / Growing in Discipleship

11 sessions / Wednesday 7-8:30pm / Life Building

Are you interested in these topics? Who is God? The Authority of God's Word, The Holy Spirit, Spiritual Warfare, The Return of Christ, Helping Others Find Christ, What is a Disciple? If these topics interest you, join us! Led by Pat & Patricia Reich

BGR

GriefCare I

6 sessions / Wednesday 7-8:30pm / Life Building

Healing from your grief is not easy. It's a long, sometimes painful process. We want to help you on your journey toward recovery. For those walking through the earlier stages of grief, GriefCare I will provide an overview of the stages of grief and give you some intentional steps in each stage to work towards the process of healing. Led by Jay Mayo

LIW

How to Study Your Bible

13 sessions / Sunday 10am / Life Building

Why? Deliberate Bible study draws you into a personal interaction with the Scriptures so that your beliefs are a prayerful understanding of Truth that transforms your life when you live by it. Led by John & Cindy Lehman

LIW

Know What You Believe and Why You Believe It

13 sessions / Sunday 11:30am / Life Building

What does the Christian faith teach about God the Father, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit? Do science and Scripture conflict? Are miracles possible? What do I need to know about angels, Satan and demons? What place should the Bible or church have in my life? Why does God allow suffering and evil? Any of these questions yours? Join us each Sunday morning for a new topic. Led by Sr Staff Members.

PIF

Learning to Pray Using the Psalms (Online class)

www.stonegatefellowship.com/prayer.html

A new online daily personal study course learning from David and the other psalmists how to pray and worship God. All that you will need is your Bible and a notebook. Once you have been added to the group you can visit www.stonegatefellowship.com/prayer.html.

PIF

Lord Teach Me to Pray in 28 Days

6 sessions / Sunday 11:30am / Life Building

Do you ever feel your prayers aren't getting past the ceiling? Do you long to pray effectively for your family and friends? In her challenging interactive bestseller, Kay Arthur sheds light on the perfect pattern of prayer that Jesus gave to his disciples. Her refreshingly simple, exceedingly powerful instruction shows you how and what to pray - and what to expect! Led by Bryan & LeeAnn Brownfield

LIW**Men's Bible Study**

13 sessions / Wed 6:30-7:15am / Building F

A systematic study through the Bible--led by Patrick Payton and other staff members. The time is set for men who work during the day, but all men are welcome.

No registration necessary / Begins Wed January 6

LIW**Putting on the Armor**

8 sessions / Sunday 11:30am / Life Building

Equipped and Deployed for Spiritual Warfare. Ephesians 6:10-20. If we do what God tells us to do - "put on the full armor of God" - we can stand against the Enemy. Do you have to put on the armor of God daily? How do you put it on? What if you are missing a piece? Are you ready for battle? Led by Hank Hudson

AIC**Return to the Garden (Women's Study)**

6 sessions / Monday 7-8:30pm / Life Building

Kay Arthur's study is an honest, redemptive call to recognize and return to God's standards for purity. Her straightforward lessons from Scripture focus on love, sex in marriage, purity, modesty, and examples of how men and women should relate to each other. These timely messages are for women, whether married or single, mother or daughter. Led by Cindy Payton

PIF**The Hour That Changes the World (Book Club)**

10 sessions / Thursday noon-1pm / Main Building

This book is a practical plan for personal prayer containing suggestions for every Christian who wants to improve his prayer life and to change the world around him. Eastman's plan divides an hour into twelve five-minute "points of focus" as a means of aiding any sincere Christian in the development of a consistent daily devotional habit. Join the Stonegate Book club as they come together and discuss this life changing book!

LIW**The Pursuit of God (college/young adult study)**

10 sessions / Monday 7-8:30pm / Life Building

In the muddle of day-to-day life, have you somehow forgotten that Christianity is a living, vibrant relationship with a personal God? The Pursuit of God reminds and challenges you to renew your relationship with your loving God. In each of the 10 chapters, A.W. Tozer explains one aspect of hungering for God and ends with a prayer. Led by Rob Turner.

BGR**Boundaries (Singles group)**

16 sessions / Wednesday 7-8:30pm / Building B

Boundaries are personal property lines that define who you are and who you are not, and influence all areas of your life. This study gives you biblically based answers to questions like: "Why do I feel guilty when I consider setting boundaries?" and "Can I set limits and still be a loving person?". The answers show you how to set healthy boundaries with your parents, children, friends and coworkers.

BGR**Pursuing More of Jesus (Women's Study)**

6 sessions / Tuesday 7-8:30pm / Building E

Learn how saturating your life with more of Jesus is the key to restoring love to your marriage, finding the antidote to fear, discovering hope in your grief, loving others with whom you are totally incompatible, acquiring the courageous competency to speak out in a doubting world, making your service to God more fruitful. Doors open, angels attend, mountains move, doubts disappear, and fears fade if we simply pursue Him. Led by Jill Pennington



AIC

Foundations: The Holy Spirit; Jesus

This study on the Holy Spirit focuses on building confidence in your relationship with God based on the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life. You will see with eyes of faith just how the Holy Spirit is at work in your daily life and how you can be filled with the Holy Spirit each day. Next, this study on Jesus is all about relationships. As you look at what the Bible says about the person of Christ, you are doing so as one who is developing a lifelong relationship with Jesus.

Led by Turner / Midland / Sunday evening / General

AIC

Refuel

Are you running on empty spiritually? Fields will get you back on the road again! Filling you up with practical insights, he shows you how to stop, be quiet, and refuel by taking the time to reconnect with God. His tried-and-true map to a rewarding quiet time will empower your faith journey.

Led by Dobler / Midland / Sunday evening / General

Led by Rhoads / Midland / Sunday evening / Young Families

AIC

Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless God

The God of the universe, Creator of nitrogen and pine needles, galaxies and E-minor—loves us with a radical, unconditional, self-sacrificing love and what is our typical response? We go to church, sing songs, and try not to cuss. God is calling you to a passionate love relationship with Himself. The answer to religious complacency isn't working harder at a list of do's and don'ts—it's falling in love with God.

Led by Harper / Midland / Wednesday evening / Married

LIW

A Study of the Passover

The name "Passover" refers to the fact that God "passed over" the houses of the Jews when He was slaying the firstborn of Egypt. Ever wanted to know more? Join with others in exploring the meaning of the "Passover" and understand the Exodus, the freedom from slavery of the Children of Israel.

Led by Nastase / Odessa / Sunday evening / General

AIC

The Life You've Always Wanted

If you're tired of the status quo – if you suspect there's more to Christianity than what you've experienced – John Ortberg invites you to join him on a road to transformation and spiritual vigor that anyone can take. "The Life You've Always Wanted" guides you down the ancient path of the spiritual disciplines.

Led by Hicks / Midland / Sunday evening / Married

LIW

Your Life in Christ

Discover how to develop Christian character, have victory over sin, and grow toward maturity in your walk with God. *Topics studied will be – God cares for you – The person of Jesus Christ – The work of Christ – The Spirit within you*

Led by Lesikar / Midland / Sunday evening / General

Sermon Based Studies

Discussions based on sermon topics, current and past

Led by Bledsoe-Pender / Midland / Sunday evening / Young families

Led by Cavitt / Midland / Sunday evening / Young families

Led by Daggett-Austin / Midland / Sunday evening / General

Led by Justice-Stanaland / Midland / Sunday evening / Young married

Led by McNeely-Tiland / Midland / Sunday evening / Young Adults

Led by Sparks / Midland / Sunday evening / General

Led by Wallace-Harp / Midland / Sunday evening / General

Led by Hunt-Etheredge / Midland / Sunday evening / General

Led by Watkins / Midland / Sunday evening / Young Married

Led by Weatherl / Midland / Sunday evening / Married

Led by Younger-Freshour / Midland / Sunday evening / General



COM.groups

These are home based groups meeting twice a month for each semester. Because of the variety of groups, you will be able to base your group choice on where you live, if you are married or single, how old your kids are, which study you're interested in, and which day of the week is best for you to meet. COM groups are a safe place to meet new people, make friends, grow in faith and have fun.

BGR

Sacred Parenting

Sacred Parenting is unlike any other parenting book you have ever read. This is not a "how-to" book that teaches you ways to discipline your kids or help them achieve their full potential. Instead of discussing how parents can change their kids, Sacred Parenting turns the tables and demonstrates how God uses our kids to change us.

Led by Casey / Midland / Sunday evening / Parents

BGR

Parental Guidance

While the culture around you may offer many suggestions about parenting, God has much to say about how to navigate the road ahead of you. Through this study, God may give you clarity and insight into your relationship with your children as well as your children's relationships with others.

Led by Desilets / Midland / Sunday evening / Young Parents

Led by Parish / Midland / Sunday evening / Married

BGR

FireProof Your Marriage

Based on the movie, Fireproof, this curriculum was created to help build and strengthen marriages using biblical principles. It is designed with an easy format that integrates movie clips, key Scriptures and group discussion.

Led by Furtado / Midland / Sunday evening / Young Married

LIW

Book of Proverbs

Group is open to anyone but we are primarily parents of older and adult children. - Join us as we LIVE - Pace through life together, LEARN - Study Proverbs and how it applies to our lives, LEAN - Lean on God and each other, LAUGH - Enjoy our time together!

Led by Gilliland-Rogers / Midland / Sunday evening / General

LIW

Hearing God's Voice

Blackaby's book, Hearing God's Voice, is for those who are ready to listen. God speaks to individuals in ways that are personal and unique to each person. God will never say anything that contravenes what He has said in the Bible, and usually He confirms what He has said. After you learn to listen to God, hearing from God will be as natural as communicating with a close friend.

Led by Irvin / Midland / Sunday evening / General

PIF

When God's People Pray

Prayer can change lives and circumstances like nothing else can. What are the keys that unlock its power, that turn prayer from a mere activity into a vital link with God and all his resources? In "When God's People Pray", Jim Cymbala, pastor of the Brooklyn Tabernacle, shows you and your small group truths about prayer that God has used to turn his own church from a tiny, struggling inner-city congregation into a vital, thriving community of believers who pray with passion, focus, and faith.

Led by Parks-Wylie / Midland / Sunday evening / General Average Age 60

BGR

Boundaries

Healthy relationships and sound living depend on maintaining smart personal boundaries, but many people don't know where to start. Drawing on principles from the Bible, Boundaries guides small groups on a journey of discovery and practical application.

Led by Thacher-Garver / Midland / Sunday evening / General

BGR

Everybody's Normal Till You Get To Know Them

Get a thought-provoking look at God's heart, at others, and at yourself. Even better, you'll gain wisdom and tools for drawing closer to others in powerful, impactful ways. With humor, insight, and a gift for storytelling, Ortberg shows how community pays tremendous dividends in happiness, health, support, and growth. It's where all of us weird, unwieldy people encounter God's love in tangible ways and discover the transforming power of being loved, accepted, and valued just the way we are.

Led by Townsend / Midland / Thursday evening / Young Professionals

GROUP registration FORM

Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

COM group choice in order of preference:

1st Choice: _____ 2nd Choice: _____

Led by: _____ Led by: _____

Growth group choice:

Curriculum: _____

