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Why Com?

Small group gatherings where we share our lives with others and wrestle with biblical truths are essential to spiritual transformation.

That is "Why community".



Why Growth?

The Christian faith is a long-term, progressive journey of growth into the likeness of Jesus. It's not about "being perfect," but about "ongoing transformation."

That is "Why Growth"



Why LifeWorks?

As a Christian it is "okay not to be 'okay', but not to stay that way." LifeWorks Groups are places to confront and heal from specific life struggles.

That is "Why LifeWorks"





These are home-based groups usually meeting twice a month during each semester. Due to the variety of groups, you will be able to select your group based 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 celebration of life.

Daniel

Beth Moore

Just as the prophet Daniel faced unbelievable pressure to compromise his faith in a hostile culture and was constantly confronted by temptations and threats, today's believers face similar trials.

Led by Don & Minda Parks

Midland/Sunday Afternoon/Empty Nesters

Philippians

Matt Chandler

The story begins in Philippi, where Paul introduces three individuals that were all enslaved by the kind of things we often choose over the gospel. The business woman, the slave girl, the jailer. Their lives portray dysfunction and emptiness but are totally transformed by the Gospel. True joy and Christ's love begin to live within them, giving them a life of purpose. Join Matt Chandler, Pastor of the Village Church in Dallas, Texas as he walks us through the letter to the Philippians. Using one of the most intimate of Paul's letters, Chandler paints a beautiful picture of what it is to be a mature Christian.

Led by Blake & Brooke Johnston and John & Terri Schläffer

Midland/Wednesday Evening/Married



Walking with God in the Desert

Ray Vander Laan

Are you going through a difficult period of life? The loss of a loved one? Unemployment? A crisis of faith? During these desert times, it's easy to think God has disappeared. In six DVD sessions, the 12th volume of the Faith Lessons series, discover that it's only when we are totally dependent on him that we find God is closer than ever.

Led by Kevin & Kim Doan and Chuck & Janet Hamilton

Midland/Sunday Afternoon/General

When Sinners Say I Do

David Harvey

Marriage is the union of two people who arrive at the altar toting some surprisingly large luggage. Often it gets opened right there on the honeymoon, sometimes it waits for the week after. The Bible calls it sin and understanding its influence can make all the difference for a man and woman who are building a life together. When Sinners Say "I Do" is about encountering the life-transforming power of the gospel in the unpredictable journey of marriage.

Led by David & Corrine O'Neil

Midland/Sunday Evening/Married

The Best Question Ever

Andy Stanley

People everywhere agree that their greatest regret could have been avoided had they asked the Best Question Ever and then acted on their conclusions. The Best Question Ever will bring clarity to decisions involving your finances, your love life, your schedule, even your career.

Led by Sid & Wendy Harper

Midland/Wednesday Evening/Married

Sacred Parenting

Gary Thomas

Parenting is a school for spiritual formation and our children are our teachers. The journey of caring for, rearing, training, and loving our children will profoundly alter us forever. Sacred Parenting affirms the spiritual value of being a parent, showing you the holy potential of the parent-child relationship.

Led by Jerry & Michelle Lesikar

Midland/Wednesday Evening/General

The Prodigal God

Timothy Keller

Using his characteristic intellectual approach to faith issues, Keller uncovers an unexpected message in the familiar-and often misunderstood-New Testament parable of the prodigal son. Seekers and believers alike will see Christianity in a whole new way when they learn how Christ's followers are supposed to love, so they can join him in heaven.

Led by Mike & Megan Elkins

Midland/Sunday Evening/Missional

Book by Book

A walk through the Bible, book by book, discussing themes, threads, key verses and time lines. Our goal is to gain familiarity with God's progressive revelation of Himself through His Word, and to have a general feel and comfort in using the Bible.

Led by Roger & Sheryl Townsend

Midland/Thursday Evening/Young Professional

The Reason for God

Timothy Keller

How could a loving God send people to hell? Why does he allow suffering? Can one religion be "right" and the others "wrong"? Responding to the questions of open skeptics and ardent believers, Keller draws from literature, philosophy, reason, and real-life conversations to explain how faith in a Christian God is a soundly rational belief.

Led by Laura Cotton and Larry & Vicki Gilbert

Midland/Thursday Evening/Young Professionals



If You Want to Walk on Water, Get Out of the Boat

John Ortberg

Peter may have been the first one out of the boat, but Jesus' invitation to walk on water is for you as well. But walk on water? What does that mean? Walking on water means facing your fears and choosing not to let fear have the last word, discovering and embracing the unique calling of God on your life, and experiencing the power of God to accomplish what you would not be capable of doing on your own. John Ortberg invites you to consider the incredible potential that awaits you outside your comfort zone.

Led by Greg & Connie Simon

Midland/Saturday Evening/General

Sermon Based

Discussions based on sermon topics, current and past.

- Led by John & Leah Cavitt

Midland/Saturday Evening/Young Families

- Led by Greg & Claudia Daggett

Midland/Thursday Evening/General

- Led by Jimmy Brooks and Cody & Sarah Davidson and Silas & Mallory Etheredge

Midland/Tuesday Evening/General

- Led by Will & Bobbi Dobler

Midland/Sunday Evening/General

- Led by Fred & Lynn Gilliland

Midland/Wednesday Evening/General

- Led by Hank & Janna Hudson

Midland/Friday Evening/General

- Led by Kelly & Mindy Hunt

Midland/ Wednesday Evening/Special Needs Families

- Led by Frank & Ruth Nastase

Odessa/Sunday Evening/General

- Led by Erich & Audra Stafford

Big Spring/Wednesday Evening/General

- Led by Steve & Brenda Coulon

Midland/Wednesday Evening/General

- Led by Charlie & Frances Younger and Dewayne & Cindy Freshour

Midland/Sunday Evening/General



These study based groups meet on a weekly basis during each semester usually in a warm, inviting classroom setting. These groups are designed specifically to challenge you to grow and mature as a disciple of Jesus. 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.

Learning to Pray Using the Psalms (online self study)

This is a daily online personal study course. Learn from David and the other psalmists how to pray and worship God.

All that you will need is your Bible, a notebook and your computer.

Here and Now ... There and Then (women)

Journey through the book of Revelation, learning that God is as specific about what He does reveal, as He is about what He does not reveal. 11 week video series with homework.

Resource used: "Here and Now ... There and Then" workbook

Tuesdays 9:30am Kids Building

Led by Patty Merrick



Live a Praying Life

"Live a Praying Life" is a 6 week course that takes you to the biblical basics of prayer, cleaning out myths about prayer in order to rev up a powerful, ongoing connection to God that can invigorate every aspect of your life! Complex questions about prayer are answered and faith grows!

Resource used: "Live a Praying Life" workbook by Jennifer Kennedy Dean Wednesdays 6:45pm Life Building

led by Russ & Diane Hale

Men's Bible Study

This is a wonderful teaching time as the Sr Staff take you through books of the Bible. It's a large class that will dismiss you in time for work in the mornings. Come meet people, drink coffee and study.

Resource used: your Bible and provided class handouts

Wednesdays 6:30-7:15am Building F

led by Senior Staff

Wild at Heart (men)

God designed men to be dangerous - to be a hero, a warrior, to live the life of adventure and risk. Come learn how to recapture what God has put in your heart.

8 week class video and small group time each week in class.

Resource used: "Wild at Heart" book and workbook

Tuesdays 6:45-8:30pm Building F

Captivating (women)

Most women think they have to settle for a life of efficiency, duty, chores and errands - striving for who they "ought" to be. Come see how God created your heart to be romanced, to be the Beauty of the story, to play a role in a great adventure! 10 week class. Video and small group time each week in class.

Resource used: "Captivating" book and workbook

Tuesdays 6:45-8:30pm Building F

Mentor Training (women)

If you are interested in exploring the joy of using your life experiences to encourage and mentor another woman, this is a training class to prepare you for Stonegate's Woman to Woman Mentoring Program. We will define mentoring and qualifications you need to have, give Biblical examples of mentoring, train, answer questions and concerns and give suggestions for books to read to help in your desire to mentor. You will hear testimonies from other mentors as well. Come join us!

Resource used: provided in class

Wednesdays 7-8:30pm Life Building

led by LeeAnn Brownfield and Melissa Crooks

So Long Insecurity (women)

In today's image-saturated society, insecurity among women is reaching epidemic levels. We worry about everything – from our looks to our finances to our relationships. But it doesn't have to be this way. Instead, focus on becoming the wives, mothers, sisters, daughters and friends God intended us to be.

10 week class.

Resource used: "So Long Insecurity" book and group experience workbook

Thursdays 9:30-11:30am Life Building

led by Karen Fisher

Reason for God

Reason for God is a resource that helps us confront difficult life questions and how to interact with those that question. 6 week video class

1. Isn't the Bible a Myth?
2. How Can You Say There Is Only One Way to God?
3. What Gives You the Right to Tell Me How to Live My Life?
4. Why Does God Allow Suffering?
5. Why is the Church Responsible for So Much Injustice?
6. How Can God Be Full of Love and Wrath at the Same Time?

*Resource used: "The Reason for God" study guide
Sundays at 11:00am Life Building*

led by Steve McLaughlin

Lost Identity: (women) Finding Yourself in Christ

A thorough study into finding your true identity, which first comes through Christ. As women, we often get lost in all the roles we must play. We let those roles define who we are: wife, mother, daughter, friend. This study will help you find the true definition of you.

7 week class

Resource used: "Search for Significance"

Sundays 9:00am Life Building

led by Bobbi Dobler

Philippians

Paul's letter to the Philippians answers all sorts of practical questions for the believer today: How can I effectively share my faith? What does it mean to live a worthy Christian life? What does true Christian humility look like? Where can I find true satisfaction for my soul? How can I rejoice during tragedy? What do I do when I am stressed? What does a passionate follower of Christ look like?

Come discover the practical power of the gospel with Matt Chandler, Pastor of the Village Church in Dallas in this 13 week video series. You can come every week, or come when you can.

*Resource used: provided in class
Sundays at 5:00pm Life Building*

led by Justin Kitchens

Where Do I Start? How to Study Your Bible 101

Trying to read and understand the Bible is difficult. Let's be honest, more times than not you would rather be doing something else. But we all know that there is supreme value and resulting joy from studying the Bible. In this 3 week, introductory class, we will briefly introduce you to the Bible as a whole, its authority and its reliability. You will receive insight into the facts and history surrounding the Bible as well as a basic method for studying the Bible that is attainable. This non-boring and somewhat surprising class is offered the first 3 weeks of every month, unless otherwise announced. 3 week class

*Resource used: your Bible and other materials
provided in class*

Sundays 9:00am

led by Eric Clark

Sundays at 5:00pm

led by Bill Yuhasz

How to Study Your Bible 201

"How To Study Your Bible" is an 8 week class that provides you with the tools to investigate the Word for yourself. Here, you will find answers, direction, intimacy with God, and the true character of God that will result in a rock solid stable life and a REAL relationship with God. Are you IN???

*Resource used: your Bible
and provided*

class handouts

Sundays 9:00am

Begins October 2nd

**led by John &
Cindy Lehman**



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These groups take specific life situations and help us apply biblical principles to them. On campus classes and support groups meet weekly each semester for those impacted by divorce, blended family relationships, marriage issues, financial struggles, same sex attraction, substance abuse, pornography, and support for the spouses of men struggling with sexual issues. Childcare is provided by Stonegate's Solid Rock Childcare department.

Financial Peace

Dave Ramsey's course that teaches you how to save money, live on a budget, communicate about money, eliminate debt, find bargains, and experience the joy of giving. 13 sessions

\$100 per family

Sundays 9:00am Life Building

Tuesdays 7:00-10:30pm Life Building



Journey To Recovery

A 12-Step approach designed specifically for those who struggle with alcoholism or substance abuse. This group meets throughout the year and you may join at any time. 18 years and up.

Tuesdays 7:00-8:30 PM Life Building



Blending Families - Smart Steps:

Embrace the Journey

An exciting and innovative program that teaches relationship skills for couples in blended families. Couples will expand their knowledge about expectations, stages of family development, roles and rules, parenting, and building healthy relationships. 6 Sessions

\$10 per couple

Tuesdays 7:00-8:30pm Life Building

Begins September 27th





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DivorceCare

Most people will tell you that separation and divorce are the most painful and stressful experiences they've ever faced. It's a confusing time when you feel isolated and have lots of questions about issues you've never faced before. Our DivorceCare group meets weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. 13 Sessions

\$15 workbook

Tuesdays 7:00-8:30pm Life Building

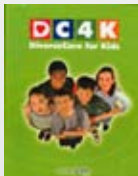


DivorceCare 4 Kids

Children experiencing divorce tell us they feel alone and helpless. DC4K is a special group to help your children, ages 6-12, heal from the pain caused by a separation or divorce. DC4K provides your children with a safe and neutral place to recognize and learn to share their feelings. This course is open to children of parents attending DivorceCare. 13 Sessions

\$15 workbook

Tuesdays 7:00pm - 8:30pm Life Building



Dynamic Marriage

Dynamic Marriage is a powerful, marriage enrichment course that creates real and lasting change. Unlike many other marriage classes, its distinctive format encourages couples to break through barriers to intimacy, not just talk about them. Over 9 weeks, couples meet to discuss new concepts, develop new skills and delve into the unique 'dynamics' of their own marriage. 9 Session

\$120 per couple

Sundays 5:00 - 6:30pm

Life Building

Getting Ready For a Lifetime of Love

A premarital course that addresses the tough issues and asks the ultimate question, "What convinces you that God is calling you together as husband and wife?" This course is a requirement for all marriages performed at Stonegate Fellowship. 8 Sessions

\$50 per couple

Sundays 7:00-8:30pm Life Building



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