

COMMUNITY GROUPS

FAQs

WHAT IS GROUPLINK?

GroupLink is a one-time two-hour event with childcare that you attend to find a Community Group to join. A Community Group meets weekly and follows the school year calendar.

WHAT IF I CAN'T ATTEND GROUPLINK?

Open group listings are active for two to three weeks after GroupLink. Openings are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Fill out this form to let us know that you can't make it, and we will email you after GroupLink with instructions on joining one of these open groups.

HOW OFTEN DO GROUPS MEET?

Groups meet weekly following the school year calendar. There are breaks along the way, so you can expect to be off about once a month. We're often asked why we don't have groups meeting every other week as an option. While we know the pace of life can be hectic, we also know that consistency are essential for a healthy group experience. If you meet every other week and miss once, it's a month before you are back with your group. And, we believe groups are a vital part of our faith.

WHEN DO GROUPS START?

Groups will begin meeting the week of August 19. We break for December and the second semester begins in mid-January.

WHAT IF I DON'T LIKE MY GROUP?

People dynamics are always interesting aren't they?! We encourage you to select a group and give it a 6-8 week solid try. It takes time to build community and to deepen your experiences together. Have realistic expectations too. Don't plan on finding a best friend the first week.

WHAT ABOUT CHILDCARE DURING COMMUNITY GROUP?

Some groups choose to have collective childcare with all kids being at the same location during group with babysitters. Other groups ask parents to find childcare on their own.

To help parents with children participate in Community Groups, RHCC will reimburse at a set rate each week they utilize childcare in order to attend a group. RHCC only reimburses parents; it does not select, hire or pay babysitters and does not provide IRS Form 1099 to either parents or babysitters. (The 2018-2019 rate is \$20 a week for sitters hired by individual families and \$24 a week for groups who do group on-site childcare.)

Parents must be attending a group registered with RHCC to be eligible, and reimbursement requests must be made within 30 days of the group meeting. Reimbursement is made at RHCC's sole discretion and may be discontinued at any time.

WHAT DO GROUPS STUDY?

All groups have the option of being sermon based. In addition to that, we have a wide-variety of studies that your group may opt to do - including topical, Biblical characters, and books of the Bible. Your leaders will guide the selection of the study and follow the church's guidance. At times, we ask our entire church study the same material in groups.