

SMALL GROUP RESOURCES

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Host Facilitates the overall care and coaching for the members and ministers (Future Hosts and Champions) in the group. After attending training, Group Hosts can assist the Pastoral staff in believers baptism and communion.

Future Host A Group Host in training; a subgroup Host (groups of three to four). Not an assistant or co-Host, but a Host in training. (This could be two months or two years in process.)

Fellowship Role Shepherding functions, group sharing/mixers and fellowship activities.

Discipleship Role Provides teaching, encourages formation of (201) spiritual habits (Bible study, prayer, group involvement, and tithing) and champions CLASS attendance.

Ministry Role Individual SHAPE discovery/deployment/development and infrequent group serving opportunities (church or community).

Evangelism Role Prayer and activities to reach out to unconnected or unchurched friends through the open chair and cross-cultural mission discussions and experiences.

Worship Role Group worship, communion and service attendance (some or all of the group attending a service together).

Open Chair Represents the unconnected and the unchurched sheep from the core of our church to the ever growing community that need to be connected into groups.

ACL (Associate Community Leader) A temporary role for 6 months to see if being a Community Leader is a fit.

Community Leaders provide care and coaching for 20-30 host groups and their Future Host.

Area Leaders provide the care and coaching for four to twelve Community Leaders and their Associate Community Leaders. They also lead an area huddle that provides a model group experience.

Small Group Host The historical term used to define a leader of a small group. They are all still called small groups, but they are lead by Group Hosts.

Multiply The term used when a group sends their Group Host or Future Host to begin a new group during a campaign.

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Group Visit A group visit is done by a Community Leader. Periodically a Community Leader will visit a Host's Group to see how things are going and to offer support and coaching steps.

Subgrouping Subgrouping is taking your original group and managing it in smaller sizes to improve the quality of the group experience (i.e., during the prayer time of your group, instead of all twelve of the group members praying together, you break up into four groups of three and create an environment to develop intimacy and future leadership.

Huddle An infrequent gathering of Group Hosts or Community Leaders by their members for the purpose of their own care and coaching needs.

Releasing Hosts The term used when a Host, Future Host or Purpose Champion in a group goes to start a new group, primarily during a campaign.