

2026-2027

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GROW GROUPS



RICHLAND CREEK
COMMUNITY CHURCH





SCHEDULE

2026-2027 Grow Groups Meeting Schedule

*This schedule is for groups that meet on **Sunday nights at the church** in conjunction with our Creek Kids, Creek Special Needs, and Creek Students. If your group meets on a different day and time, you can adjust your meeting schedule accordingly.*

FALL 2026

September 13 - *Launch Night*

September 20

September 27

October 4 - *No Meeting*

(DNOV)

October 11

October 18

October 25

November 1 - *No Meeting*

(Missions Night of Worship)

November 8

November 15

November 22

November 29 - January 3

Holiday Break

SPRING 2027

January 10

January 17

January 24

January 31

February 7

February 14 - *No Meeting*

(Super Bowl)

February 21

February 28

March 7

March 14

March 21

March 28 - *No Meeting*

(Easter)

April 4

April 11

April 18

April 25

May 2 - *Final Meeting*



GOALS, COMMITMENT, AND EXPECTATIONS

Why do Grow Groups exist? What does it mean to participate as a member of a Grow Group?

As you participate in a Grow Group at Richland Creek, you should keep **two primary goals** in mind.

Goal 1: Strengthen Commitment

The first goal of Grow Groups is that you should be strengthened in your commitment to God and other believers. The concept of commitment is critical; we'll explore it in more detail in a moment. For now, let's summarize this goal by remembering that we are saved for a purpose.

1 Corinthians 6:19b-20 - "...You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body."

1 Thessalonians 4:3 - "For this is the will of God, your sanctification..."

When Paul wrote the verses above, he was speaking primarily about how we handle ourselves in terms of sexual purity, but the larger point applies to everything we do. God saved us so that we would glorify Him in mind, body, and soul by being made into His image, day by day. This means that Christians have committed to Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord, so that we will do what He says. Grow Groups aim to be one way in which we can strengthen this commitment to God as believers.

Notice this goal also encourages us to fulfill our commitment to other believers, specifically our commitment to love, pray for, and encourage others. Did you know that by some estimates, there are more than 100 "one another" commands in the New Testament? At the very least, this implies that we need each other in order to obey God properly. Without other Christians in my life to talk with and help, I cannot do much of what God's Word tells me to do.

How, exactly, will Grow Groups help you strengthen your commitment? In two ways: Weekly gatherings to encourage and challenge one another and daily engagement with Christ through His Word and prayer.

Weekly gatherings help us maintain a consistent rhythm of encouraging and loving other believers. Of course, there are many

ways in which Christians, in general, can love each other, and we at Richland Creek encourage and serve one another in many ways. Grow Groups are not the only way we do this, but they are an important way, specifically when it comes to an intimate atmosphere designed for accountability and help in our spiritual walks.

Daily engagement with Christ through His Word and prayer means that Grow Groups help each of us in our basic spiritual habits. Our Grow Groups will do this by providing a framework for daily time with the Lord in the form of a Bible reading and prayer plan; a schedule for memorizing the Word of God; and help actually carrying out these practices over time.

So, let's restate the first of our two Grow Group goals:

Grow Groups will strengthen members in their commitment to God and each other by holding weekly gatherings to encourage and challenge one another and by providing tools for engaging daily with Christ through His Word and prayer.

Goal 2: Ongoing Disciple-Making

Our second goal for Grow Groups is that they are places where ongoing disciple-making is planned for and accomplished. Each member of a Grow Group should be consistently challenged to remember two things: There is no finish line to discipling within Grow Groups, and each person can make other disciples through Grow Groups.

By “no finish line,” we are primarily saying that Grow Groups are not driven by a particular discipleship curriculum or timeframe. That's not to say that a workbook or curriculum-based approach to discipleship is bad or wrong. Many churches use such an approach to training in discipleship, and we have contexts at Richland Creek, like Life Groups and classes, that use a particular curriculum. What we are trying to communicate here is that there is no “graduating” from a Grow Group program.

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Within Grow Groups, everyone can contribute to the disciple-making process by spending time in the Word and actively praying for and encouraging other members of the group. There are many contexts within the church where we feel somewhat passive when it comes to disciple-making: Not all of us are teachers or pastors or leaders everywhere we go. But in Grow Groups, everyone can contribute, and everyone can bless everyone else just by reading the Word, talking about what you have read, holding each other accountable, and praying for one another. Again, this is true for both new and mature Christians.

Grow Groups at Richland Creek will unapologetically celebrate multiplying disciples, because each member of a Grow Group will be challenged to consider how they can, sooner or later, start their own Grow Group and get even more people involved in disciple-making. Grow Groups are not meant to consist of the same handful of people for years and years and years. Such relationships are valuable, and there's nothing wrong with that. But Grow Groups will be challenged to multiply, at least annually and perhaps even more often, depending on God's direction and the leadership capacity within the group.

2 Timothy 2:1-2

You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

The power of multiplying discipleship is well known in some circles, but it's worth repeating here in case you have never considered it. What if God blessed you so that you were able to share the Gospel with one person every day this year, and see them come to Christ? That would be wonderful, and at the end of the year 365 people will be new Christians. If you kept up that pace, after 10 years there would be 3,650 people professing faith in Jesus.

But what if you decided to invest in three other people this year as part of a Grow Group, helping them learn to read the Bible, share their faith, and be more like Jesus? And what if each of those people decided to keep doing that every year as well? After one year, you would only have impacted three. But within three years, because of

the multiplying growth of each disciple, you would have impacted 27 people. After 10 years, that number reaches 59,049. After 15 years of intentional investment in three other people a year, and teaching them to do the same thing, that equals nearly 14.5 million disciples! This is not to pit evangelism and discipleship against one another. They are part of the same process, and evangelism is a discipline of growth! But the point is that discipleship means investment and teaching, and Grow Groups want to have a plan for that consistent multiplication.

So, let's restate the second of our Grow Group goals:

Grow Groups will be a place where ongoing disciple-making is planned for and accomplished, while each member will be challenged to consider two things: There is no finish line to discipling within Grow Groups, and each person can make other disciples through Grow Groups.



The Importance of Commitment

Commitment is at the heart of the Grow Groups ministry. When you join a Grow Group, what are you being asked to commit to?

First and foremost, you are committing to put time and effort into your relationships with God and other people. Practically, this means spending time in the Word and in prayer, but not because of a “checklist” mentality in which we engage in spiritual practices just so we can say we did. Rather, we spend time in the Word and in prayer because we love God and want to hear from Him, know Him, and speak to Him. Also, we gather weekly in our Grow Group meetings so that we have an opportunity to encourage others as well as be encouraged by them. The regular practice of personal time in the Word and in prayer is driven by love for God and others and by wanting to be equipped to encourage and strengthen our brothers and sisters.

Practically speaking, committing to a Grow Group means...

1. **Showing up** every week at the Grow Group meetings, unless you're sick or out of town. If you're not present, it's hard to encourage or be encouraged.

1. **Participating** in those meetings by sharing what you've learned and sharing prayer requests.
2. **Spending** time in God's Word daily, as guided by one of our Grow Group Reading Plans. This is a lofty goal, and you may miss some days as life becomes hectic and schedules crowded. Our reading plans are actually put together with some make-up days built in. But you'll be surprised at how consistent your time with the Lord becomes when you commit to the habit.
3. **Journaling** about God's Word as you read. Journaling helps you recall key details about the Scripture as well as aids in meditation.
4. **Spending** time in prayer daily. The goal is the same as above; it's lofty but worthy. Aim high, not low.
5. **Memorizing** the Word according to a Grow Group Memory Plan. You may be someone who struggles with Scripture memory, but that's okay. The Lord is glorified by your effort, even if the results aren't always word-perfect.
6. **Being accountable** to others in your Grow Group.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Even if you are a new believer, or have been a believer for awhile but haven't been consistent in Word and prayer, you can be a part of a Grow Group. Making a commitment doesn't mean you're perfect; it means you're willing to try and you want others around to help you.



Commitment can actually lead to the consistency we strive for as Christians.

Commitment leads to consistency. If you desire to be more faithful in your walk with Christ and time spent in His Word, being a part of a Grow Group is living proof of that desire. The best way to pursue consistency is through commitment.

Consistency encourages accountability. When we are consistent in

our time in the Word and in prayer, we invite others around us to help us. We are also open with our struggles and failures, which helps us avoid the “mask-wearing” that can plague our church relationships.

Accountability leads to community. Genuine fellowship comes from being open and honest about our successes and failures. Pastor and author Paul Tripp has said, “Intrusive questions which require humble self-disclosure are where the Redeemer does his good work in discipleship relationships.” We build trust when we open ourselves up to others.



EXPECTATIONS

Expectations are a Tool for Consistency

The basic expectations of committing to a Grow Group – engaging the Word, prayer, and joyful accountability in honest relationships – are a key part of moving from commitment (I want to do it) to consistency (I’m actually doing it) to accountability (others are helping me, and I’m helping them) to community (genuine relationships of trust and openness). Let’s make one small change to the graphic we showed earlier:



This graphic reminds us that consistency in spiritual disciplines — a quiet time, daily prayer, meeting with other believers, accountability, and so forth – are not the goal, but a means to accomplish the goal. The goal is genuine community and love between believers which brings honor and glory to Jesus Christ. As pastor and author David Mathis wrote in his book *Habits of Grace*,

“The final joy in any truly Christian discipline or practice or rhythm of life is, in the words of the apostle, ‘the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord’ (Phil. 3:8). ‘This is eternal life,’ and this is the goal of the means of grace: ‘that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent’ (John 17:3).”



READING PLANS

We have two primary reading plan options for the **2026-2027 Grow Group year**. These reading plans keep our groups on the same page, allowing us to progress together in our understanding of the Word and our habits in Scripture engagement. The following plans are outlined on the next few pages:

- Life Group Study Reading Plan
- 1-2 Corinthians and 1-2 Samuel Reading Plan

LIFE GROUP READING PLAN

Our Life Group reading plan this year will follow the schedule as laid out in **LifeWay's Gospel Project Personal Study Guide for Adults**. These guides are produced quarterly in the Fall (Sept.-Nov.), Winter (Dec.-Feb.), Spring (March-May), and Summer (June-Aug.).

To get a **Personal Study Guide**, you can buy a print copy in the church foyer at the beginning of each quarter, or you can download a copy of the study guide at no cost at richlandcreek.com/gospelproject.

The week's reading plan is found listed on the second page of each week's study (**see the image below for an example from a previous Personal Study Guide**).

Daily Readings

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|---|---|
| ☐ Day 1: John 4:43-54 | ☐ Day 4: John 6:1-21 |
| ☐ Day 2: John 5:1-23 | ☐ Day 5: John 6:22-71 |
| ☐ Day 3: John 5:24-47 | ☐ Day 6: Psalm 142 |



Look for your weekly reading in the personal study guide.



READING PLAN

Corinthians and Samuel Reading Plan

This medium-paced reading plan works through Paul's letters to the Corinthian church and the story of Israel's united monarchy in 1-2 Samuel over the course of our Grow Group year. Week 1 begins on **Monday, Sept. 14.**

If your Grow Group meets on a day other than Sunday, you can adjust your reading days accordingly.

Week 1 – Sept. 14-20

1 Cor. 1:1-9
1 Cor. 1:10-17
1 Cor. 1:18-31
1 Cor. 2:1-5
1 Cor. 2:6-16

Week 2 – Sept. 21-27

1 Cor. 3:1-9
1 Cor. 3:10-17
1 Cor. 3:18-23
1 Cor. 4:1-7
1 Cor. 4:8-21

Week 3 – Sept. 28-Oct. 4

1 Cor. 5:1-5
1 Cor. 5:6-13
1 Cor. 6:1-8
1 Cor. 6:9-11
1 Cor. 6:12-20

Week 4 – Oct. 5-11

1 Cor. 7:1-7
1 Cor. 7:8-16
1 Cor. 7:17-24
1 Cor. 7:25-31
1 Cor. 7:32-40

Week 5 – Oct. 12-18

1 Cor. 8:1-6
1 Cor. 8:7-13
1 Cor. 9:1-12
1 Cor. 9:13-18
1 Cor. 9:19-21

Week 6 – Oct. 19-25

1 Cor. 10:1-13
1 Cor. 10:14-22
1 Cor. 10:23-11:1
1 Cor. 11:2-16
1 Cor. 11:17-34

Week 7 – Oct. 26-Nov. 1

1 Cor. 12:1-11
1 Cor. 12:12-20
1 Cor. 12:21-31
1 Cor. 13:1-7
1 Cor. 13:8-13

Week 8 – Nov. 2-8

1 Cor. 14:1-12
1 Cor. 14:13-25
1 Cor. 14:26-40
1 Cor. 15:1-11
1 Cor. 15:12-19

Week 9 – Nov. 9-15

1 Cor. 15:20-34
1 Cor. 15:35-49
1 Cor. 15:50-58
1 Cor. 16:1-11
1 Cor. 16:12-24

Week 10 – Nov. 16-22

2 Cor. 1:1-11
2 Cor. 1:12-22
2 Cor. 1:23-2:4
2 Cor. 2:5-11
2 Cor. 2:12-17

Week 11 - Nov. 23-29

2 Cor. 3:1-6
2 Cor. 3:7-18
2 Cor. 4:1-6
2 Cor. 4:7-18
2 Cor. 5:1-10

Week 12 - Nov. 30-Dec. 6

2 Cor. 5:11-21
2 Cor. 6:1-13
2 Cor. 6:14-7:1
2 Cor. 7:2-9
2 Cor. 7:10-16

Week 13 - Dec. 7-13

2 Cor. 8:1-7
2 Cor. 8:8-15
2 Cor. 8:16-24
2 Cor. 9:1-5
2 Cor. 9:6-15

Week 14 - Dec. 14-20

2 Cor. 10:1-6
2 Cor. 10:7-18
2 Cor. 11:1-11
2 Cor. 11:12-21
2 Cor. 11:21-33

Week 15 - Dec. 21-27

2 Cor. 12:1-10
2 Cor. 12:11-18
2 Cor. 12:19-21
2 Cor. 13:1-4
2 Cor. 13:5-14

Week 16 - Dec. 28-Jan. 3

1 Samuel 1:1-20
1 Samuel 1:21-28
1 Samuel 2:1-11
1 Samuel 2:12-26
1 Samuel 2:27-36

Week 17 - Jan. 4-10

1 Samuel 3:1-21
1 Samuel 4:1-11
1 Samuel 4:12-22
1 Samuel 5:1-12
1 Samuel 6:1-7:2

Week 18 - Jan. 11-17

1 Samuel 7:3-15
1 Samuel 8:1-9
1 Samuel 8:10-22
1 Samuel 9:1-14
1 Samuel 9:15-27

Week 19 - Jan. 18-24

1 Samuel 10:1-16
1 Samuel 10:17-27
1 Samuel 11:1-15
1 Samuel 12:1-18
1 Samuel 12:19-25

Week 20 - Jan. 25-31

1 Samuel 13:1-23
1 Samuel 14:1-23
1 Samuel 14:24-52
1 Samuel 15:1-16
1 Samuel 15:17-35

Week 21 - Feb. 1-7

1 Samuel 16:1-13
1 Samuel 16:14-23
1 Samuel 17:1-58
1 Samuel 18:1-5
1 Samuel 18:6-16

Week 22 - Feb. 8-14

1 Samuel 18:17-30
1 Samuel 19:1-24
1 Samuel 20:1-25
1 Samuel 20:26-42
1 Samuel 21:1-9

Week 23 - Feb. 15-21

1 Samuel 21:10-22:5
1 Samuel 22:6-23
1 Samuel 23:1-14
1 Samuel 23:15-29
1 Samuel 24:1-22

Week 24 - Feb. 22-28

1 Samuel 25:1-44
1 Samuel 26:1-25
1 Samuel 27:1-12
1 Samuel 28:1-25
1 Samuel 29:1-11

Week 25 – March 1-7

1 Samuel 30:1-15
1 Samuel 30:16-31
1 Samuel 31:1-13
2 Samuel 1:1-16
2 Samuel 1:17-27

Week 26 – March 8-14

2 Samuel 2:1-11
2 Samuel 2:12-32
2 Samuel 3:1-25
2 Samuel 3:26-39
2 Samuel 4:1-12

Week 27 – March 15-21

2 Samuel 5:1-25
2 Samuel 6:1-15
2 Samuel 6:16-23
2 Samuel 7:1-17
2 Samuel 7:18-29

Week 28 – March 22-28

2 Samuel 8:1-18
2 Samuel 9:1-13
2 Samuel 10:1-19
2 Samuel 11:1-27
2 Samuel 12:1-15

Week 29 – March 29-April 4

2 Samuel 12:16-31
2 Samuel 13:1-22
2 Samuel 13:23-39
2 Samuel 14:1-33
2 Samuel 15:1-12

Week 30 – April 5-11

2 Samuel 15:13-37
2 Samuel 16:1-14
2 Samuel 16:15-23
2 Samuel 17:1-29
2 Samuel 18:1-18

Week 31 – April 12-18

2 Samuel 18:19-33
2 Samuel 19:1-8
2 Samuel 19:9-43
2 Samuel 20:1-26
2 Samuel 21:1-14

Week 32 – April 19-25

2 Samuel 21:15-22
2 Samuel 22:1-16
2 Samuel 22:17-31
2 Samuel 22:32-43
2 Samuel 22:44-51

Week 33 – April 26-May 2

2 Samuel 23:1-7
2 Samuel 23:8-39
2 Samuel 24:1-9
2 Samuel 24:10-17
2 Samuel 24:18-25



MEMORIZATION

Bible Memory Plan: John 1:1-14

This plan works through memorizing **John 1:1-14**, a key biblical passage teaching us about the person and work of Christ. This plan works at a slower pace, memorizing a verse every few weeks with plenty of review weeks thrown in.

This plan begins with Week 1 as September 14-19, so you would recite your first verse on September 27. If you meet on a day other than Sunday, you can adjust your memory schedule accordingly.

Weeks 1-2

John 1:1-2

Weeks 21-22

Review Weeks

Weeks 3-4

John 1:1-3

Weeks 23-24

John 1:1-11

Weeks 5-6

John 1:1-5

Weeks 25-26

John 1:1-12

Weeks 7-8

Review Week

Weeks 27-28

Review Weeks

Weeks 9-10

John 1:1-8

Weeks 29-30

John 1:1-13

Weeks 11-16

Review Weeks

(Holiday Break)

Weeks 31-32

John 1:1-14

Week 33

Review Week

Weeks 17-18

John 1:1-9

Weeks 19-20

John 1:1-10

John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. 9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.



MEMORIZATION

Bible Memory Plan: Growing in Godliness

This plan involves memorizing key Bible verses on growing in the grace, knowledge, and imitation of Christ. It works at a faster pace, memorizing a verse on average every week, with review weeks thrown in.

This plan begins with Week 1 as September 14-20, so you would recite your first verse on September 20. If you meet on a day other than Sunday, you can adjust your memory schedule accordingly.

Week 1 – Sept. 14-20
John 17:17

Weeks 18-19 – Jan. 11-24
John 15:4-5

Week 2 – Sept. 21-27
Hebrews 10:14

Weeks 20-21 – Jan. 25-Feb. 7
Colossians 3:16-17

Week 3 – Sept. 28-Oct. 4
1 Corinthians 6:11

Week 22 – Feb. 8-14
Review Week

Week 4 – Oct. 5-11
John 1:1-5

Weeks 23-24 – Feb. 15-28
2 Peter 1:3-4

Weeks 5-6 – Oct. 12-25
Review Weeks

Weeks 25-26 – March 1-14
1 Timothy 4:7-8

Weeks 7-8 – Oct. 26-Nov. 8
Philippians 2:12-13

Weeks 27-28 – March 15-28
Titus 2:11-12

Week 9 – Nov. 9-15
2 Corinthians 5:17

Week 29 – March 29-April 4
Review Week

Week 10 – Nov. 16-22
1 Thessalonians 5:23

Weeks 30-31 – April 5-18
Romans 12:1-2

Weeks 11-16 – Nov. 23-Jan. 3
Review Weeks (Holiday Break)

Weeks 32-33 – April 19-May 2
Psalm 1:1-3

Week 17 – Jan. 4-10
Philippians 1:6



QUESTIONS

Accountability Questions

These questions will guide our accountability time in Grow Groups. While you should not feel overwhelming pressure to cover every question, every week, you should also not consistently skip the same question so as to avoid a particular area. Also, do not feel as if every question needs a long and detailed response. If you are doing well, a simple “yes” will often suffice.

One final thing: If there is an area of struggle or sin that falls outside of these questions, don’t be afraid to bring it up to the group, to ask for prayer or further accountability.

1. **Have you spent time in the Word and in prayer?**
2. **Have you neglected opportunities to worship, learn, or serve with the church?**
3. **Have you sought opportunities to serve or love your family?**
4. **Have you demonstrated selfish thoughts, attitudes, or actions in your use of time or money?**
5. **Have you prayed for and then looked for opportunities to share the Gospel with an unbeliever this week?**
6. **Have you struggled with impure thoughts, motives, or actions (bitterness, resentment, lust, or viewing sexually explicit material, pride, jealousy, covetousness, racism, etc.)?**
7. **As far as it is possible, do you have integrity in all of your personal and financial dealings and have you consistently spoken the truth (including social media)?**
8. **What successes or joys in your fight with sin and personal walk can you report for the group to rejoice in?**





RESOURCES

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Explore inspiring articles, engaging videos, and carefully selected book recommendations designed to encourage and strengthen your spiritual growth.

Deepen your Relationship with God

Access practical resources for Bible engagement and prayer that can help make your daily time with the Lord more meaningful and impactful.

Enrich your Grow Group Experience

Take advantage of a variety of tools designed to spark thoughtful discussion, strengthen community, and support your journey of growing in Christ together.

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