

Where Two or Three Gather...

is Holy Ghost's Summer 2020 Small Group Ministry program to help people start gathering and connecting with each other in a socially distanced manner as the church slowly reopens following the COVID-19 pandemic. This is a great opportunity to try out a small group for a short season. Below are **Frequently Asked Questions** about these gatherings...

What/Who makes up a group? Groups can be as small as two or three individuals. During this time of social distancing, we recommend that groups cap at around 10. Those who volunteer to facilitate a group (more on that below) may invite friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, or other acquaintances. They don't have to be Holy Ghosters! Or, if you don't want to facilitate a group, the church will help you find a group to join.

Where do groups gather? Groups gather outside, anywhere that is big enough to observe social distancing guidelines (6 ft between households). This could be someone's yard, a park, a parking lot, a field, etc. During social distancing, everyone is asked to bring their own lawn chairs or picnic blanket.

When do groups gather? These short-term groups will meet June through August. The exact gathering date/time and frequency is decided by the individual groups. We suggest you meet at least every-other week. Sunday evenings after dinner may be an ideal time for many.

What do groups do? The individuals in the groups get better acquainted with each other by spending time visiting and enjoying refreshments together. During this time of social distancing, each household will bring their own refreshments. When meeting off church property, adult beverages <u>are</u> allowed. The groups will spend time in God's word using a devotion written by the pastors and based on the latest sermon. Or, if the group would rather, they can pick their own devotion. Last but not least, the group will pray together. Gatherings will typically last around 90 minutes.

Can children attend? Each group will decide if they want to include children. If children are included, they must be able to observe social distancing guidelines. During this time of social distancing, the church will not be able to provide childcare during gatherings.

Who organizes the gatherings? Each group will have a facilitator. This can be anyone who is willing to gather a few people, select a location, get the word out to the group, facilitate the activities of the gathering, and enforce social distancing. If you are not comfortable with any of these aspects, you can delegate the responsibility to someone else in your group!

How do we get started? Contact the Small Groups Ministry Leader, Kim Gibbs, using the contact information below. She will help you find a group to join or help you get started in forming a group.

Why is the church doing this? The mission of Holy Ghost Small Groups Ministry is:

To Strengthen the Saved by Growing Friendships & Faith!

