# **WHY SMALL GROUPS?**

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#### Because Christ asked us to do it!

"GO and make disciples!" (Matt 28:19) We LOVE because He first LOVED US! (1 John 4:19) He did not come simply to die for us but to show us how to LIVE. He lived in small group community, so it must be a GOOD thing. (Luke 6:12)

02

## True and lasting Friendships are formed.

Authenticity is something everyone is searching for. Comradery! Unity! Welcome! Faith based friendships give a platform for unity due to the "fellowship of the Spirit." "People will come out of curiosity, but only stay if they make a friend." -John Wimber

03

#### Small group community makes a BIG CHURCH small.

Encouragement and Accountability: When we get slothful and lazy—small groups help us to be accountable to go to Church, pray and read our Bibles! (2 Timothy 1:6)

Christian friends help us follow through with our commitments and feel a part of a family.

04

### Faith Formation opportunities (2 Timothy 1:13)

Catholic Small Group community offers a chance to further our faith knowledge and love of God. This gives us a chance to make "Adult informed decisions" about our faith walk, and helps us to pass it on! Nothing like "LEADING A GROUP" to make you learn more!

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# Opportunity to be formed in VIRTUE! (1 Thessalonians 5:24)

FAITH - God desires to equip us with the faith we need to respond to our call to holiness!

HOPE - We HOPE and pray that God will continue to form us to look more like Him!

LOVE - We pray for God's LOVE to pour into our hearts & set us ablaze with love for others



# WHY SMALL GROUPS? CONTINUED

Great opportunity to Grow and Strengthen our faith walk

God uses the gifts of the individuals to help us all.

Power in numbers to be united in powerful prayers "Where 2 or 3 are gathered together I am in their midst." Matt. 18:20 "Iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another" Prov 27:17

Gives us a real opportunity to be the HANDS and FEET of Christ

Give with a real sense of MISSION. (Matt 25:35)

Reach out to others so that they too can have a "safe place to land." (Deut 10:19)

Be UNITED "They will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:35)

To Comfort the Heart of Christ.

Doing what Christs asks of us daily we are able to comfort His beauty. When we get discouraged just remember the WHY and WHO you are doing this for: Jesus. (Matt. 25:40)

Christ came to form relationships, us with God the Father and us with OTHERS (Luke 10:27)

To practice SERVANT-LEADERSHIP!

If we are faithful in the small—it attracts grace for the impossible. - Fr. Jacques Philippe Learning to cultivate a true SERVANT'S HEART not just to SERVE when one feels like it.

To learn to be discerning in HOW to serve the other. (Luke 6:31).

TO CHANGE THE CULTURE!

By SHOWING a better way. (Philippians 4:8)

By witnessing to TRUTH. (John 8:32)

By LIVING LOVE! (1 John 4:7)

