

# Groups That Thrive

## Why Groups?

1. Groups ministry is the most \_\_\_\_\_ component of the church beyond the worship gathering. Groups provide the infrastructure for sustained discipleship, ministry and growth.
2. The genius of groups ministry is that it is \_\_\_\_\_-led. It is not primarily dependent on a specially trained pastor, but on members who are called, gifted, and committed. However, the greatest fallacy of groups ministry is the mistaken idea that it can \_\_\_\_\_. Leaders at every level need regular training, encouragement, and resources.
3. Groups ministry used strategically can provide an effective \_\_\_\_\_ pipeline for new leaders to receive on-the-job training and support.
4. Groups provide \_\_\_\_\_ at the most basic level in the church.
5. Groups can be replicated to multiply the ministry \_\_\_\_\_ of the church.
6. Group leaders are making \_\_\_\_\_ as they help members discover and use their gifts and abilities for the good of the group, church, and community.

## Groups that thrive experience life and growth in three important areas:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

## Leaders in groups that thrive understand:

1. The group is not \_\_\_\_\_ (even if I started it).
2. I cannot bring \_\_\_\_\_--only the Holy Spirit does that. But he wants to use me in the process.
3. When a member decides to serve the group, church, or community they are taking a step of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Some members will serve in other ways \_\_\_\_\_ your group.

Refer to the Adult Group Ministry Circles Model now.

## Additional Notes

### Resources for Adult Group Leaders

#### Mission

##### Outreach

- [txb.org/evangelism](http://txb.org/evangelism) (see General Evangelism Strategies)

##### Serving

- [wmutx.org](http://wmutx.org) (see Get Involved/Mission Projects)
- [tbmtx.org](http://tbmtx.org) (see Let's Do Something)

#### Discipleship

##### Teaching & Planning for Growth

- [txb.org/dc](http://txb.org/dc) (see Training Materials, Other Resources, and Online Bible Study Tools, **editable Word version of Adult Group Ministry Circles Model**)

##### Praying

- [lifeway.com](http://lifeway.com) (search for *It Begins With Prayer: How Prayer Impacts Reaching Others, Building Community, and Serving Through the Sunday School* by Dwayne McCrary)

#### Community

##### Fellowship & Assimilation

- [lifeway.com](http://lifeway.com) (search for *Shepherd: Creating Caring Community* by David Francis)

**What is one thing you will put into practice because of our time together?**