IMPACT GROUPS AT CITYGATE

WHAT IS AN IMPACT GROUP?

Impact Groups are missional groups that will impact one another and our city by studying the Bible together and adopting a segment of our community to pray for, love, serve, and bless.

Distinctives:

- · Diverse in gender, age, and spiritual maturity.
- Open group to allow for growth through evangelism
- Growth through multiplication
- Follows the simple, replicable format of DBS
- Impact the city by adopting a classroom at Franklin Elementary School.

The aim of an Impact Group is that with the help of the Holy Spirit and one another, we will grow in the following areas:

THE WORD

Growth in discipline, understanding, and the ability to handle the Word of God.

THE PRAYER

Growth in active prayer with God and trusting the Lord without ceasing.

THE FELLOWSHIP

Growth in authentic, honest, sharpening community.

OBEDIENCE

Growth in active obedience in all ways and in the fruit of the Spirit.

EVANGELISM

Growth in leading people to life in Jesus and making new disciples.

MISSIONAL LIVING

Growth in impacting others with the gospel by actively meeting the practical and spiritual needs of people within our community.

IMPACT GROUP LEADER QUALIFICATIONS & EXPECTATIONS

- Must have completed CG Basics and CG Core Foundations (multiplied leaders fall under the oversight of senior leaders and do not immediately need to have these two courses completed).
- Demonstrate a hunger to read God's word and obey it.
- Demonstrate a desire to help others read God's word and obey it.
- Demonstrate a commitment to the church body by regular attendance

HOW LONG WILL AN IMPACT GROUP LAST?

Each session will be a semester long (about 10-12 weeks).

WHAT FORMAT DO WE FOLLOW?

Each meeting the leader will use the following simple format:

Check-in

What are you **thankful** for this week? What were your **challenges** this week?

How did you do living out/sharing the previous week's passage?

Head

Read the passage (2x)

Retell the passage in your own words

What does this passage mean (if applicable)? What does this passage teach us about God? What does this passage teach us about man?

Heart

Is there a truth to believe, a sin to confess, or a command to obey?

Hands

How can I <u>live</u> this passage out this week?

Who can I **share** it with?

WHAT IS THE TARGET?

We want to see people equipped, empowered, and mobilized to make disciples; we want to see people coming to Christ and being baptized, and our city experiencing God's love in tangible ways.

HOW DO I GET STARTED WITH MY IMPACT GROUP?

- 1. Fill out an application
- 2. Interview with a staff member
- 3. Attend Orientation
- 4. Invite a couple people you already know that demonstrate a hunger to read the Word. We will add more people who sign up into your group. (Group size is designed to fit the leader and will be determined)
- 5. Determine a place and time when you can all meet together regularly.
- 6. Attend Group Launch Party.