



## Community Group Leaders

We're glad you are interested in becoming a Community Group leader! Community Groups are an integral part of what we do as a church. We believe that sustained life change occurs as we are growing in a relationship with Christ. We believe this happens best when we are prioritizing intentional relationships with others who are seeking this same goal. Community Groups provide people with the opportunity to connect with others, grow in their relationship with Christ, and experience community. Since our Community Group leaders play such an important role, we take great care when enlisting them. Please read through the information below to better understand the role of a leader, qualifications, and expectations. If, after consideration, you are interested in pursuing Community Group leadership, please complete the Group Leader Application. Once we receive your application, we will contact you for an interview. Should you have questions regarding any of the following information, please call us at 706-310-9300.

### **Role of a Community Group Leader**

Community Group leaders are responsible for providing their groups with vision, direction, and support. Leaders are successful when they are personally growing in their intimacy with God, community with insiders, and influence with outsiders (**The 3 Vital Relationships**) and are leading their groups in such a way as to encourage the group members' growth in these three relationships as well. Community Group leaders are supported by an Athens Church Groups staff member.

### **Qualifications**

- Have a personal, growing relationship with Jesus Christ (preferably for two years or more)
- Recognize the Bible as the authority for their lives
- Have Community Group experience (preferably)
- Have the time, emotional capacity, and moral discernment to lead a group

### **Expectations**

- Lead the group by facilitating the group meeting, monitoring its health and duration, and promoting participation among group members
- Commit to engage in leadership development opportunities provided by the church
- Identify and develop a qualified apprentice and embrace apprentice leader development as a measure of success
- For Married Community Groups, both husband and wife actively participate in all group leadership activities