

Adult Bible Study Ministry



FOUNDATIONS HOME GROUP MINISTRY

Building blocks for life.

Dear Prospective Small Group Leader:

I am excited about the possibility of you being involved as a leader in Westwood's Small Group Ministry. God has really blessed our church in the last few years, and we want to continue to grow not only in numbers, but in the quality of ministry and spiritual leadership that adults discover through their small groups.

While leading a group will be a great blessing to you, being shepherd of a class or home group is an awesome responsibility. James 3:1 says, "Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly." Also 2 Timothy 2:2 says, "And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will be qualified to teach others."

As you walk through the application and interview process, you will see that the leadership of Westwood takes that spiritual responsibility very seriously. We expect leaders to set the example through positive actions of obedience to God's word, such as tithing, witnessing, and establishing encouraging relationships within the body of Christ. Conversely, we expect leaders to be above reproach, eliminating negative things from their lives that might cause a brother to stumble, such as consuming alcohol, viewing pornography, or creating disunity in the church.

In this packet you will find the ABS/Home Group Leader Application. Please complete this application and return it to the division director or staff contact person as soon as possible. After that time, an interview will be scheduled and completed.

As you pray about being involved, please review the job description and the Leader Covenant. These will let you know what is expected of you as an ABS/Home Group Leader. Other documents may be enclosed which will help you understand the purpose, philosophy and organization of the ABS or Home Groups.

We conduct a number of leadership meetings each year. It is important for a football team to attend spring training and to have huddles during the game; and it is critical that we get together so that we are effective at this ministry of reaching people, teaching God's word, and ministering to the body of Christ. Being available for these leadership meetings should be considered in your decision to accept this position of leadership.

There's much more to say, but I'll save it for later! Thanks again for your availability to be used of God.

In His Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jay Gordon'.

Jay Gordon
Pastor of Small Groups