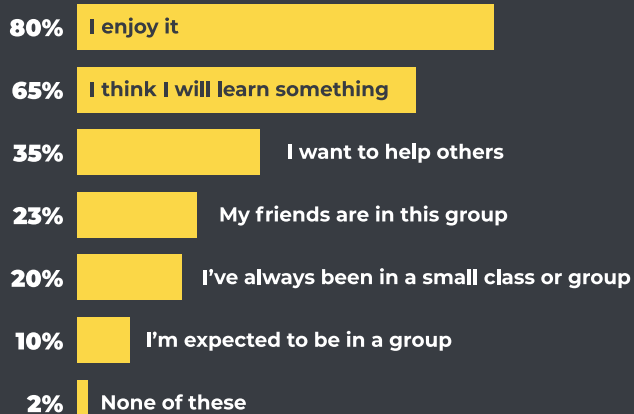


Why current participants attend a small class or group:



People involved in small groups are more likely to remain **active in church**.

Activities important to those currently in groups:

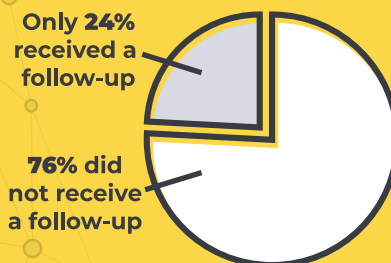


People are Important!

Don't get accustomed to people not being in your group. Instead, build the habit of touching base with everyone on a regular basis. God will honor your efforts!



504 church guests left their contact information with the church.



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“...And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.”
Galatians 6: 9-10

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CHANGE TOGETHER! WHY SMALL GROUPS?



HOW TO KEEP YOUR MEMBERS FROM DROPPING OUT!

Enlist

As a general rule, **enlisted people are involved people.**

Keep them coming by asking them to do something simple, but necessary.

Focus their efforts on personal ministry and mission projects.

Make sure your records system is up-to-date.

By enlisting them in short-term ministry and missions effort, you'll give them a sense of purpose.

Enlist them to help with:

- **Newcomers**
- **Sporadic Attenders**
- **Guests**
- **Affirm regular attenders**
- **Follow up on prayer requests**
- **And more!**

Contact

People are open to attending **- if you'll contact them.**

When asked, which best describes your attitude toward attending a small class or group through your church in the future?

26% **Unlikely to consider regularly attending.**

68% **Open to the idea of attending.**

6% **Actively looking for a small class or group to attend.**

Use this 4-week plan to get started

Week 1

Call/Text - missed you; invite; prayer; celebrate; follow up.

Week 2

Write/Email - happy birthday or anniversary; missed you; lesson-teaser; upcoming class events.

Week 3

Pray - specific prayer; How can we pray for you? Follow-up on previous prayer requests; scripture encouragements.

Week 4

Visit - short; front door visit; literature with name label; meals or recreation; evangelistic.

Pray

People are **encouraged** when they know we pray for them. People are also encouraged when they pray for others.

- Enlist someone to record the prayer requests taken during class.

- Email them to the class during the week.

- Enlist people to contact absentee members letting them know you are praying for them.

- Develop some sort of prayer rotation that everyone is prayed for, by name, on a regular basis (weekly, monthly, etc., depending upon the size of your group).

“...I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving be made for everyone”

1 Timothy 2:1 (HCSB)