

Connect Groups at MorningStar

Local Connect Groups

Connect in person for fellowship, discipleship, prayer and equipping. These groups are located in and around the Fort Mill, SC/Charlotte, NC area. They meet various days and times throughout the week. Meeting places are open to your creativity (homes, lunch/break room, coffee shops, etc.)

Regional Connect Groups

Connect in person with people in your own community to develop fellowship and join others who are like minded and want to be plugged into MorningStar ministries. These groups are like our Local groups, in-person gatherings, except outside the MorningStar geographical area. We have groups throughout the United States.

Online Connect Groups

Connect via the Internet with other individuals in your own home using WhatsApp, Zoom or other platforms for fellowship, discipleship and prayer wherever you are located geographically. This is the place where real fellowship and support take place. We have groups all over the USA and around the world.

*To join our local and global family,
please scan the QR code
or email us at:
Connect@MstarM.org*



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LEADING SMALL GROUPS

ACTS 2:42

“They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”

The early Church saw significant Kingdom expansion while meeting in small groups. In these groups, space is created for real fellowship, intentional discipleship, and Spirit-led prayer. The main purpose of a small group is to bring people into an encounter with God's love so they can, in turn, give that love away to others. These smaller settings allow encouragement, maturity, and purpose to emerge naturally, creating safe environments for spiritual gifts to operate within the bond of love. When ministry is rooted in grace and driven by love, fruit is inevitable. While large gatherings are important, true formation, discipleship, and relationship-building often happens when we gather intimately with a few.

Key Scriptures

Matthew 18:20 "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, there I am in their midst."

1 Corinthians 14:1a Pursue love, yet desire earnestly spiritual gifts...

Starting a Small Group

1. Prayer and Preparation

-Ask the Holy Spirit:

-Who should I invite? (pray, identify, list names; family, friends, neighbors, etc.)

-When will we meet? (day, time, frequency, length)

-Where should we meet? (location, flexibility)

-What is the purpose of this group? (koinonia, word, prayer, discipleship)

-How will I communicate with the group? (social media, phone, text, etc.)

A small group is more than a meeting—it is a spiritual family.

2. Four Keys to a Successful Small Group:

Preparation – Prayer (protection, guidance, presence), and Planning (food, message, discussion questions)

Dialogue – Everyone has an opportunity to share

Facilitation – Aware of God and people in that moment

Evaluation – What can we do better? How can we improve?

Focus on building relationships more than perfection or performance.

3. Group Format *(Example 60-90 Minute Flow)*

-Welcome & fellowship

-Icebreaker/question

-Worship or prayer

-Bible discussion

-Ministry/prayer time

-Announcements & next meeting

Keep the atmosphere relaxed, warm, and participatory.

4. Create a Culture of Honor and Love

People return where they feel seen, heard, valued, safe, and encouraged.

5. Follow Up During the Week

Send: Encouraging texts, prayer check-ins, Scriptures, Meeting reminders

Connection grows between meetings (koinonia in action).

6. Raise Up New Leaders

-Let others pray

-Develop future leaders

-Let others facilitate

-Healthy groups multiply life.

7. Keys to Success

-Be faithful

-Focus on people

-Keep it simple

-Create authentic connection

-Be Spirit-led

-Make room for the presence of God

Small Groups offer more than conversation; they provide spiritual covering, relational support, and an environment where believers can flourish in an atmosphere of love and acceptance. It is a place where people encounter Jesus, find family, discover purpose, and grow in freedom.