



2023 Small Groups Ministry Report

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Since the 2023 District Conference, 21 different pastors and leaders from 16 churches (church plants to large, established churches) were trained and/or received individualized coaching. Here's what some of them are saying:

- *"I just really appreciate the content and the enthusiasm at which it is presented. This is great content and presented at a high level."*

Rayme Dean, Life Groups Director, Grace EFC in Allen, TX

- *"Very important material for starting up communities. Lots of practical ways to apply this to communities."*

Brad Babiak, Pastor & Elder, Mission Community Church in San Antonio, TX

- *"Training provided insight into how our small group ministry can accomplish the overall church goal of making disciples."*

Bob St. John, Small Groups Coordinator, Bayshore Bible Church in Corpus Christi, TX

- *"It is the next step in the small group process. What do you do when you have the groups set up? Leaders in place? This training is all about that. If you want to work on supporting your groups and leaders, this training is a great tool."*

Jason Rogers, Student and Groups Ministry Director, Hope Fellowship in Lake Jackson, TX

Since the 2023 District Conference, nine pastors, ministry leaders and lay leaders from eight different churches have completed a comprehensive, two-part small groups training leaders and lay leaders from nine different churches have participated in a five-week post-training cohort. In addition, two advanced cohorts with nine pastors and ministry leaders from six different churches were launched with a laser focus on coaching small group leaders.

As a result of the training, participants have reported learning how to take the following steps in their small groups: share the burden of leadership, gather people, study and apply the Bible, fast





and pray, multiply their group, care for members, handle challenges well, prepare to lead thriving meetings, encourage and provide opportunities for their group to serve and be missional, become a leader and find resources for leading their groups.

I am excited about future opportunities to equip and train even more pastors and leaders to lead thriving and multiplying small group ministries in their churches!

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