

# NEWS

Epiphany Small Group Scoop

## WHY SMALL GROUPS? PODCAST

<http://www.smallgroups.com/articles/2009/whysmallgroups.html>

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- Heads
  - Hands
  - Hearts
- For God!

This summer many small groups are joining together for fellowship through outdoor barbeques and serving others through mission projects. Other groups continue studies in one another's homes or at Epiphany! Join the fun!

Imagine.

Our goal at Epiphany is to have 75% of members involved in small groups. Imagine the effect it could have as members become closer to each other, closer to God, and do God's work through missions! Imagine.

Tidbit:

The five most important words are "You did a good job." The four most important words are, "What is your opinion?" The three most important words are, "Let's work together" The two most important words are, "Thank you" and the single most important word is, "We." May it be so with small groups.



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## The Who, What, Where, When, Why and How of Epiphany Small Groups



### Who is involved in small groups at Epiphany?

Everyone! Everyone is invited to be! People just like you, whether you are a devoted bible reader, or a person new to the faith, small group study will grow your faith from where you are right now, leading you closer to God and creating friendships and mission opportunities where you can serve. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate!

### What is an Epiphany small group like?

Each small group represents heads, hearts, and hands for God. Heads allow for the study of God's word, hearts allow for friendship and connection

among members, hands allow service to bring God's work to the world in Loveland, around Cincinnati, and in the world. Various groups study various materials, but all groups are dedicated to the work of God within each group member, and within the community at large.

### Where do small groups meet?

Everywhere! Most small groups meet at the leader's home, church, or coffee shops around town. Find what is comfortable for you!

### What is a small group leader to do?

The founders of [www.smallgroupsbigimpact.com](http://www.smallgroupsbigimpact.com) studied over 1,000 churches to answer this question. They found that, overwhelmingly, healthy small groups have group leaders that pray for their group members every day. And that makes sense when you understand that the Holy Spirit is responsible for spiritual growth and health. Pray! That simple.

**Play and share!** One small group this year will meet at the park and as the children play, parents can connect and share with each other in a casual atmosphere, fun for adults and the children alike. Interested? Contact Kristi Swartz for more information.

### When do small groups meet?

Small groups meet weekly various days of the week for 3 semesters a year with breaks between semesters.

### How do I get involved?

If you are not presently in a small group, Epiphany can find one just right for you! Interested in leading? There is a group waiting for you as well! Contact Kristi Swartz, Small Groups Coordinator at [kristi.s.eumc@fuse.net](mailto:kristi.s.eumc@fuse.net)

### Looking Towards Fall..

Too busy for small groups this summer, no problem, we plan to have a fall kick-off for small groups this fall and you will have plenty of opportunities to find a small group! We will have a church-wide study available for small groups..look for more information soon!