



## **Community Group Apprenticeship**

We're glad you are interested in becoming a Community Group Apprentice! Community Groups are an integral part of what we do as a church. We believe relational connection and spiritual growth happens best when we are prioritizing intentional relationships with others who are seeking this same goal. Community Groups provide people with the opportunity to connect with others, grow in their relationship with Christ, and experience community. Group Leaders are essential for the success of a Community Group and they play a major role in determining the direction and quality of a Community Group's experience. Becoming a Group Apprentice is the best way to grow and development into an exceptional Community Group Leader. Please read through the information below to better understand the role of an apprentice, qualifications, and expectations. If, after consideration, you are interested in pursuing being a Community Group Apprentice, please fill out the Group Apprentice Interest Form on this site. Once we receive your interest form, we will contact you to set up a meeting with one of our Groups Directors. Should you have questions regarding any of the following information, please call us at 706-310-9300.

### **Role and Win of a Community Group Apprentice**

Community Group Apprentices will strive to gain the knowledge, experience, and skills needed to become a successful Group Leader. Apprentices are winning when they are growing personally in their relationship with Jesus, helping lead their group and gaining confidence towards leading a group of their own. Apprentices are supported by their group leader as well as an Athens Church Groups staff member and are invited to attend all Group Leader events.

### **Qualifications**

- Have a personal, growing relationship with Jesus Christ (preferably for two years or more)
- Recognize the Bible as the authority for their lives
- Currently in a Community Group experience (preferably)
- Be faithful, available and teachable in learning from their Group Leader and the Groups staff.

### **Expectations**

- Learn how to lead a group through conversations with your group leader and by facilitating the various components of the group meeting and group dynamics.
- Participate in group leadership development opportunities provided by the church
- For Married Community Groups, both husband and wife actively participate in all group leadership activities