

What's in a group?

In some respects, small groups are much like people, they come in all shapes and sizes—or should we say they come in all ages and sizes.

Faith Group participants range in age from 14 to 86. They have as few as four in a group and as many as 16. Some groups meet at church, while others meet in homes—and some meet in a coffee shop.

More importantly, what occurs in the small group setting? According to Pastor Paulus Pilgrim, "We spend time wrestling with God's truths and that bonds us together. Through listening and talking with group members, we broaden and expand our faith horizons."

Marsha Schmit commented that the group she facilitates is becoming more involved in church life. "They're excited about their faith."

Spiritual growth is foremost. However, building relationships with one another is also a desired outcome of small groups. Bev Moe said, "Orv and I were in a small group when we lived in California. When we moved

Spring into a Faith Group. . .

Do you find it difficult to talk with co-workers or neighbors when they say they don't think the Bible is accurate, true or believable? Get into a small group that will begin the first week in April and find out why we can state with assurance that the Bible is reliable. The six-week session titled If We Have Only <u>HOPED</u> in Christ: The Reliability of the Gospel gets underway with Pastor Scott explaining about the reliability of the resurrection. The title comes from a passage in 1 Corinthians 15, where the apostle Paul states, "If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied."

You won't be disappointed! Sign up now with Marsha Schmit to get into a Faith Group by calling the church office. Each session includes discussion from a teaching video prepared by Pastor Scott Grorud and Pastor Dave Wollan.

Week 1 The Reliability of the Resurrection
Week 2 The Reliability of the Bible
Week 3 The Reliability of Christianity
Week 4 The Reliability of the Church
Week 5 The Reliability of the Faith
Week 6 The Reliability of the End



back to Minnesota, we were delighted to join a Faith Group. It's a great way to meet people and make friends. I love it!"

With a church as large as Faith Lutheran, Faith Groups help to make the church seem smaller, explained Dick Lennes. "When you are new to a church, as my wife and I were

three years ago, we jumped at the chance to get into a small group. It wasn't long before we felt right at home with our new group of friends. And the thoughtful teaching through the videos prepared by the pastors helps us continue to grow in our faith journey."



Paulus Pilgrim

Marsha Schmit







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Moses' first and last day as a lifeguard.