

## **DGroup Overview**

#### Goals

- To mirror adult DGroups but not be exactly the same—more specific to collegeage; more training
  - Gospel Dialogue Understanding the implications of the Gospel in the life
    of the Christian; utilizing the Bible to answer hard questions, form theological
    foundations, and develop practices and habits for effective Bible study.
  - Transparent Friendship Participation in honest and transparent discussion of sinful behaviors and struggles through accountability and trust; regularly committing to meet together and participate in each other's lives.
  - Seeking the Lost Identifying and sharing one another's "ones" and actively praying and encouraging ongoing efforts to share the Gospel; host Eleos parties with the purpose of reaching lost friends through community.

#### **Details**

- Groups consist of 1-2 facilitator(s) plus 4-5 people, max.
- Groups are comprised of all guys or all girls; groups are not mixed gender.
- Groups meet once a week, for an hour and a half.
- Groups meet (1) in a home, (2) off church-campus in a non-public place with little distraction, or (3) on church-campus for childcare needs.
- Groups follow the academic year calendar Sept. to Dec., Jan. to May.
- Group facilitators meet at the beginning of each term for debriefing and training.

### **Practical Execution**

- Freshman Groups: begin the week of October 27<sup>th</sup>; co-led by older student and adult.
- Sophomore, Junior, Senior Groups: combined ages; begin the week of September 22<sup>nd</sup>; led by 1-2 adults.
- Students that are leading groups are being led (by adult co-leader) but also leading (freshmen), and have specific responsibilities within the context of the group.
- Students leading freshman groups are also in a separate group that meets every other week led by a coach.
- Each DGroup is paired with another to host two Eleos Parties per semester.

# Content

- All groups begin with the Life Shaping Community Worksheet
- Freshman Groups: Gospel-Centered Life and REAP the reading plan
- Sophomore, Junior, Senior Groups: REAP the reading plan, supplemented by Gospel-Centered Community