



## DGroup Overview

### Goals

- To mirror adult DGroups but not be exactly the same—more specific to college-age; 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 – January to May, August to December.
- Group facilitators meet at the beginning of each term for debriefing and training.

### Practical Execution

- Freshman Groups: begin in mid-late October after Fall Retreat; co-led by older student and adult (faculty or otherwise).
- Sophomore, Junior, Senior Groups: combined ages; begin in late September after PKO; led by adults (faculty and otherwise).
- 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 groups are also in a separate group that meets every other week led by a coach.
- Jeremy and Kelly make it a goal to meet with each group leader (adult, student, and coach) at least once per semester.
- Each DGroup is paired with another to host two *Eleos* Parties per semester.

## **Content**

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