# Small Groups Tool Box

## First Mount Zion Baptist Church

# A Word From Our Pastor

*"I am blessed to serve a congregation of more than four thousand members. Our Zone Ministry diligently serves to address the needs of our members. Small Groups, a component of Zone Ministry, connects members within their own communities and fosters a nurturing environment for spiritual growth and development . Members grow in their understanding of Christian fellowship through connecting with one another. It is through this connection, that we are able to become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ."*

Pastor Luke E. Torian

# First Mount Zion Baptist Church

Our Mission is To Connect People Who Have A Desire To Become Fully Devoted Followers of Jesus Christ.

*“… where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.” Matthew 18:20.*

*"…**<u>let us consider how we may</u>** spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up <u>meeting together</u>, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us <u>encourage one another-and all the more</u> as you see the day approaching." Hebrews 10:24-25.*

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We have the perfect example of Christ calling the 12 disciples. A mixed bag of personalities and backgrounds called to follow Christ. They lived and experienced life together, a life rich in teaching, fellowship, love, care and support; all through good and trying times. A life lived with purpose and understanding that once equipped, their mission was clear. To further the gospel through sharing with others what Christ shared with them.

"Go ye therefore and make disciples of men."

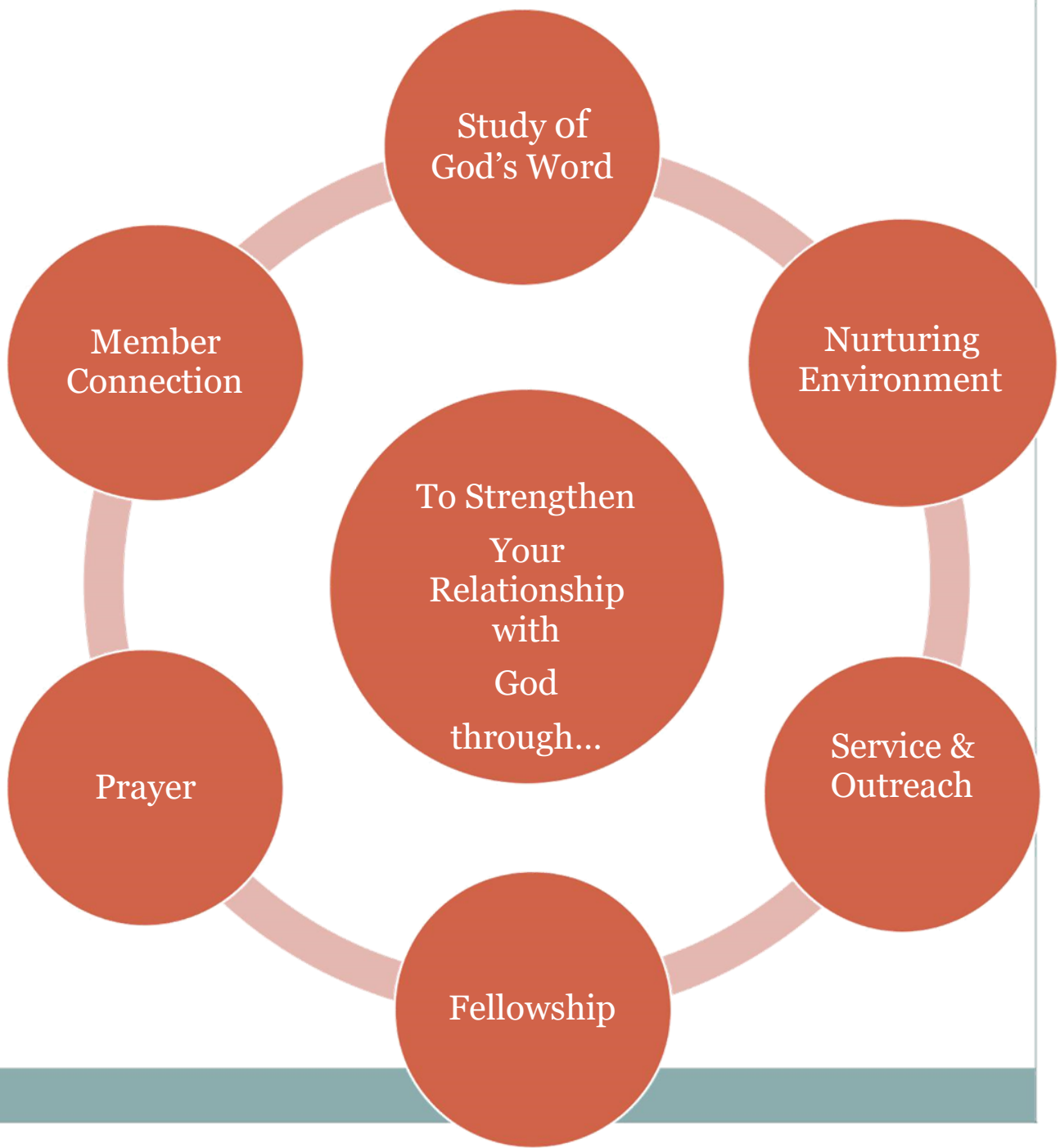
Matthew 18:19

# Is God Present In Our Small Groups ?

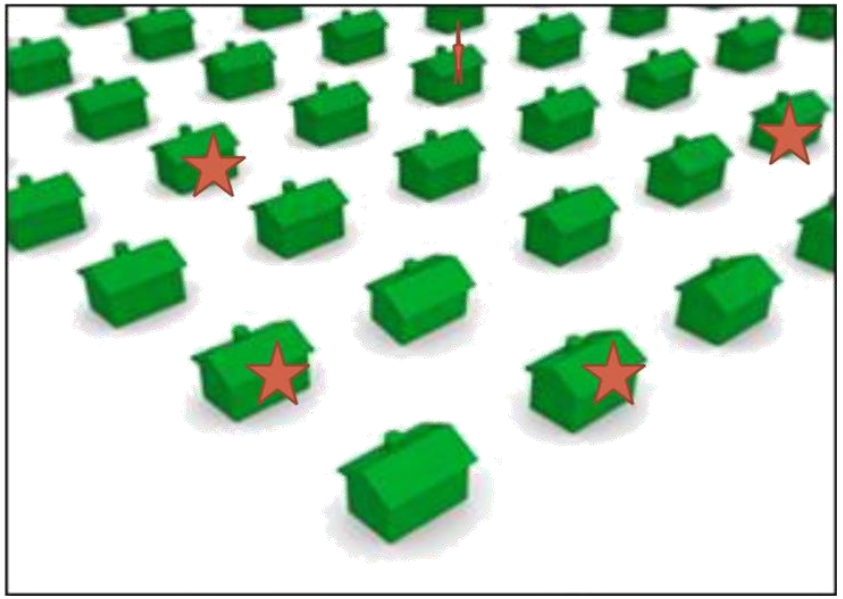
*"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts."*

*Acts 2: 41 -46*

# Small Groups



# FMZBC in  Community



# Small Groups Team

Coaches
Group Leaders
Facilitators
Hosts
Members

# The Empty Chair

**Luke 19:10**

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.”

**John 13:34-35**

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

# SMALL GROUPS COVENANT

An agreement between Small Group members to maintain the spiritual integrity and operation of the group.

The covenant is the groups agreed upon set of expectations of the individual group members.

"..And they devoted themselves to fellowship."

# SMALL GROUPS COVENANT

## Purpose

Discuss the groups' purpose. What led each member to the group?

## Goal

Discuss the group's goal. What does each member hope to get out of the group?

# SMALL GROUPS COVENANT

## Where?

Decide where your group will meet.

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## When?

Decide time, day and frequency of your meetings.

# SMALL GROUPS COVENANT

## Duration?

Decide how long your meetings will last.

# Small Groups Covenant

## Confidentiality

Small Groups fosters a trusting environment where people will begin to open up and share things of a personal nature. Matters such as these will not be discussed outside of the group.

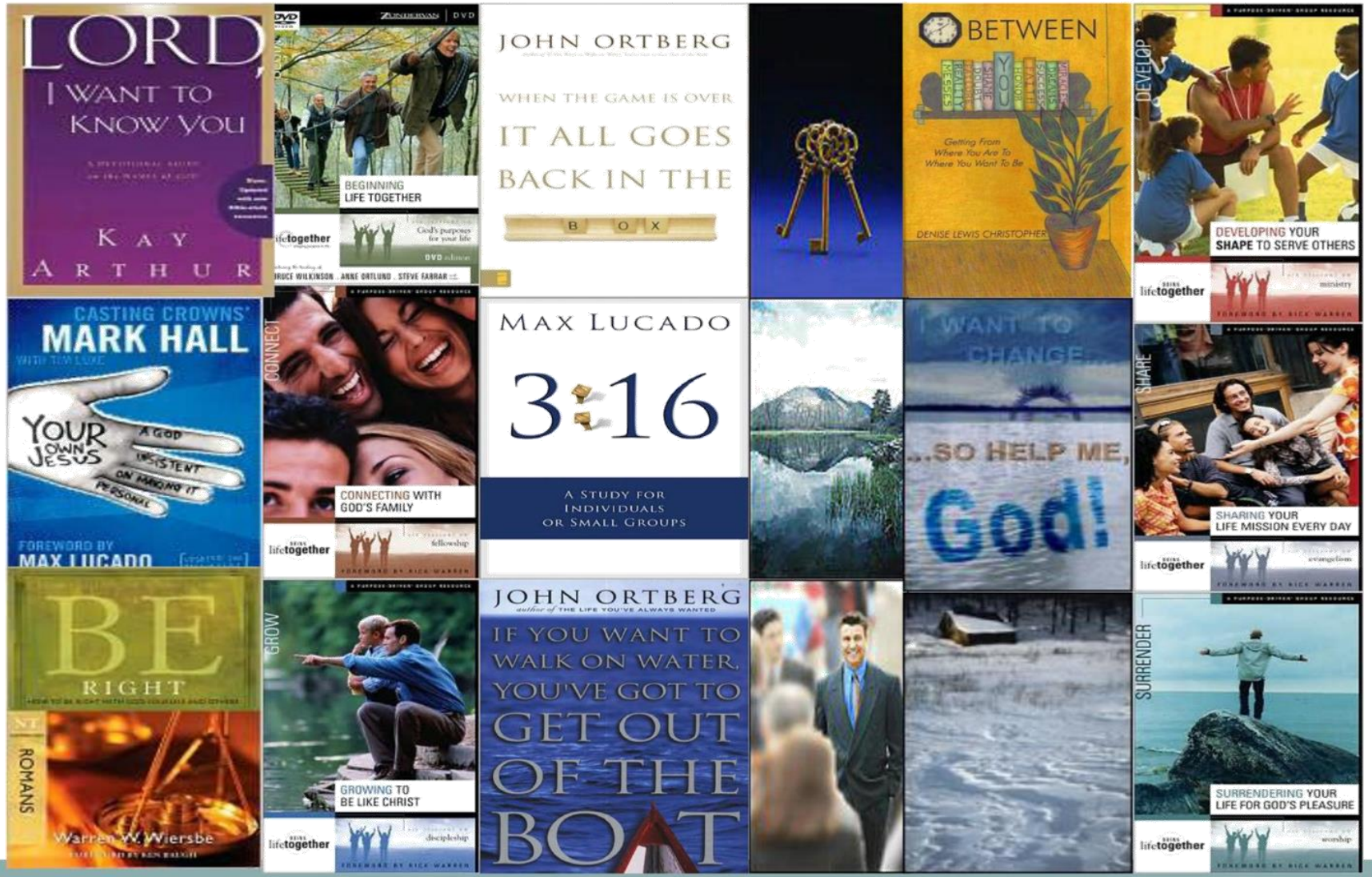
*Small Groups is a ministry accountable to the leadership of First Mount Zion Baptist Church, any information of a sensitive nature or situation determined by leadership to require evaluation and/or intervention outside the group will be referred as necessary to the Small Groups Director and/or the Assistant Pastor, and/or the Pastor, with member notification.*

# SMALL GROUPS COVENANT

## Confidentiality

*A Small Groups follow up report is submitted to the Director following each session. The report includes member contact information, attendance record as well as prayer requests and praise reports.*

# Fellowship Through Study



# ESSENTIAL

# SMALL GROUPS

# RESOURCES

Small Groups Ministry

The ABC's of

Group Facilitation

# Understanding the Critical Role of the Small Groups Leader

Small Groups Training

**Casting Vision**

# Fellowship Through Outreach

"…that I may be encouraged together with you *while* among you, each of us by the other's faith, both yours and mine. "
Romans 1:12

The House That Love Built
Thurman Brisben Center

GOSPEL RESCUE MINISTRIES

Hilda Barg Homeless & Prevention Center
Volunteers of America
CHESAPEAKE

The Fuller Center for Housing

**Ministry Beyond the Walls**

# Fellowship Through Coming Together

Email

Home, work and cell phone numbers

Postcards
Postcards have been provided for you in the tool box.

USEFUL TOOLS FOR
SMALL GROUPS MINISTRY

**First Mount Zion Baptist Church**

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Please place stamp here

*Join Us For Our Next Small Groups Meeting !*

*Date:*

*Time:*

*Location:*

*Contact Person:*

*Phone Number:*

*Email Address:*

*"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the day approaching".*

*Hebrews 10:25*

# Introduce Connect and Explore I.C.E. Breaker

Because
Life is better
in community
At First Mount Zion Baptist Church

Group Link
Welcome to
Small Groups at
FMZBC
Where Life Is Better
In Community
Zone M2
TRUST
S.G.M.

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PUT ANY

# Getting Started

**May**

**Get** the Word Out to Your Members

# Small Groups Calendar

# Getting Started

## June

**Plan and Schedule**

September Small Groups Kick-Off

**Introduce** Group Covenant

**Introduce/Select** Study Material

**Schedule** Small Group Meeting

*Time:*

*Date: September_____*

*Location:*

**Identify** Member's roles, Group Leader, Host, Facilitator

**Identify** Need for training to serve in roles

**Submit** S.G. Follow Up Report by June 30th

# Getting Started

**July/August**

with interested members.

**Follow-up**

Refer for Small Groups Training as needed.

# Getting Started

## September

### Kick off

Group Link meetings, complete covenant, begin studies

View Additional Tool Box Resources for More Information.

Small Groups Study Material
Small Groups Resources
Small Groups Report
Small Groups Covenant