



SMALL GROUPS AT SOUL CITY

We are so glad that you are interested in joining a Small Group at Soul City Church! God created each of us to be a part of loving, intentional relationships that help us become more of who God desires for us to be. We have found that people grow better in circles (like Small Groups) than in rows. On the following pages, you'll find a variety of Small Groups: we have book studies, Bible studies and various other group topics for men, women, co-ed and married couple groups in locations all over the city.

- Choose a Small Group that you can commit to attending 75% of the meetings
- Your Small Group Leader will contact you within a few days confirming which group you are in and let you know all of the relevant information
- Groups will run the week of **June 16 to the week of August 11**
- We ask that you sign up for one Small Group but feel free to join a different Affinity Group as well
- Be mindful of the special sign-up instructions for Married Couples and Co-Ed Groups

Affinity Groups are more community focused and are all about building relationships while having fun. These groups are a great way to meet new people and foster friendships while taking advantage of our great city in the Summer.

At Soul City, Small Group sign-ups happen 3 times per year in the months of January, May and September. So, if you are unable to commit to a group this session, a new round of groups will begin in the Fall.

We hope and pray that you find a great fit!

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Small Groups Pastor

Co-Ed Group 1 - SCYA Bible Study: Galatians (20s & 30s)

Leaders: Ashley Vander Linde and Justin Vlaovic

We are a group of 20's and 30's young adults that get together to study the Bible and get to know each other better. We will have frequent social events throughout the summer as well. Any level of bible knowledge is welcome.

Day/Time: Monday 8-9:30p weekly

Location: Soul City Church

Co-Ed Group 2 - Leaders and Entrepreneurs

Leaders: Rachel Hanley and Annie Tchingo

This is an ongoing group for leaders and entrepreneurs in Soul City. This session we are going to alternate between fun/networking sessions (i.e. Chicago roof tops, maybe ax throwing) and sessions where we practice praying and listening to the voice of God as well as help each other out with our business challenges. We recognize that often times leaders and entrepreneurs have unpredictable and limited schedules, so this group has no attendance requirement.

Day/Time: Monday 7:30-9p weekly

Location: Soul City Church

Co-Ed Group 3 - Sermon 2.0

Leaders: Rick Kronenberger and Sarah Parisi

Please join us as we meet every Wednesday evening to dive deeper into the previous Sunday's message. We'll get to know each other, build community, and talk about how to put the lessons from the sermons into practice.

Day/Time: Wednesday 6:30-8p weekly

Location: Soul City Church/Varies

Co-Ed Group 4 - The Prayer Course

Leaders: Todd Macmillan, Jennifer Aguilar, and John Hauser

Pete Greig has been teaching on prayer - and leading a non-stop prayer movement - for twenty years. Now, for the first time, he puts his life's work into a response to the question everybody ultimately asks: how do I pray?

Day/Time: Wednesday 7-8:30p weekly

Location: Soul City Church

This down-to-earth introduction to life's greatest adventure will guide you deeper in your relationship with God, helping you to become more centred and still, clearer in discerning God's voice, more able to make sense of your disappointments and more expectant for miraculous breakthroughs too. It's full of honest, hard-won wisdom interspersed with real-life stories - some humorous, others moving - to equip and inspire your prayer life. Journeying through the Lord's Prayer, and accompanied by online videos from The Prayer Course, which has been used by more than a million people, it unpacks nine essential aspects of prayer: stillness, adoration, petition, intercession, perseverance, contemplation, listening, confession and spiritual authority.

From one of today's most visionary communicators, for those who've been praying for years as well as those who want to pray but don't know where to begin, this Course is the simple, life-changing guide you've been waiting for.

Co-Ed Group 5 - Romans, Righteousness, and The Big City (SCYA) (20s & 30s)

Leaders: Connor Gooding and Ben Ten Pas

We're a Soul City Young Adults (20's/30's unmarried) group diving into the Book of Romans, a letter written by Paul to the early church in Rome. If you're looking to explore the Bible's take on Christian living in a metropolis like Chicago, this group is for you!

Day/Time: Thursday 6:30-8:30p weekly

Location: Soul City Church

Co-Ed Group 6 - Co-Ed Young Professionals Bible Study: Luke (20s)

Leaders: Lindsey Kunz and Jessy Huang

Day/Time: Tuesday 7:30-9p weekly

Location: Soul City Church

Have you ever wondered what "Living like Jesus" looks like in today's modern society? Join us as we build community and read through the first 10 chapters of Luke to explore what is recorded about the character of Jesus. We will be comparing how Luke's description lines up with our personal experiences, and discussing whether or not Jesus's teachings can still be relevant in our every day lives.

Co-Ed Group 7 - What's Your Type? (30s & 40s Unmarried)

Leaders: Meredith Alenky and Kelsey Krzyston

Day/Time: Tuesday 7-9p weekly

Location: Old Town/Lincoln Park

We are looking to build a co-ed community of 30s and 40s singles this summer and dive deep into the Enneagram while exploring different neighborhoods around the city!

Co-Ed Group 8 - Love, Justice and Reconciliation

Leader: Madeline Holler

Day/Time: Thursday 6:30-8a weekly

Location: Soul City Church

A deeper look into major issues facing our city and the world and how we, as followers of Jesus, can be a part in His work of justice and reconciliation. There are countless issues facing Chicago and the world and we are called not to turn a blind eye on those issues, but to be actively engaged in Jesus' work to reconcile all things to himself. We'll dive deeper into biblical calls to justice, as well as these 4 major issues: Quality Education, Mass Incarceration, Inequality and Discrimination and Economic Opportunity.



MARRIED COUPLE'S SMALL GROUPS

Married Couple's Group 1 - Marriage as Designed by God

Leaders: Ezra and Denise Kramer

Day/Time: Wednesday 7-8:30p weekly

Location: Soul City Church

Our initial vision of what marriage should be can put heavy expectations on your relationship that could rob your marriage of love and joy. Through this study by Andy Stanley we'll talk about how to transform your expectations, and experience marriage as it was designed by God. Study guide available on Amazon for less than \$10.

Married Couple's Group 2 - MBC (Mixed Bag Couples)

Leaders: Keith and Julie Levy

Day/Time: Thursday 7-8:30p every other week

Location: Soul City Church

All ages and stages of doing life together as couples while recognizing that this life together is truly a team sport...and God is head coach! We will unpack the message each week and reflect on what that means means to us (as individuals and couples) while also surfacing questions and finding ways to engage as couples.



MEN'S SMALL GROUPS

Men's Group 1 - Soul City Men's Summer Social

Leaders: Tim Anderson, Michael Bennett, Zach Watts, and Graham Burns

Day/Time: Monday 7-9p weekly

Location: Varies

The summer time is a great time to meet and get to know new people. The purpose of our group this summer is to create a fun atmosphere where soul city men can spend time together, have fun, and talk about our faith in a relaxed environment. Meetings will include movie nights, going out to restaurants, playing beach volleyball and more. Our group will not only be serving our own needs; however, as Jesus called us to serve others our group will also plan to dedicate a few of our meetings to spending time serving others in our community through soul city's love works program or similar opportunities in Chicago.



WOMEN'S SMALL GROUPS

Women's Group 1 - Conscious Gospel Living (20s & 30s)

Leaders: Kim Reitzel, Bri Glosset, and Liz Diebolt

Day/Time: Wednesday 6:30-8:30p weekly

Location: Soul City Church

We are a group of real, messy, genuine women who want to walk along side of you. This session we are going to use our learned skills of how to study the Bible as we dive deep into the book of Esther.

Women's Group 2 - Moms Winning (Childcare Available)

Leaders: Cynthia Alfaro, Ambrosia McClain, and Micole Los Banos West

Day/Time: Monday 6:30-8:30p weekly

Location: Soul City Church

A collective of faith-filled moms who are intentionally creating community by focusing on daily wins and trusting God with their entire hearts. This summer, we are focused on listening to life, practicing gratitude and exercising sabbath.

Women's Group 3 - Women of Faith and Grace (30s)

Leaders: Lindsey Oliveira and Agnes Marciniac

Day/Time: Wednesday 6:30-8:30p weekly

Location: Soul City Church

Join this continuing group of 30-something women with a diverse background who want to group deeper in their faith together. This session we will be exploring the seven I AM statements of Jesus found in the Gospel of John. We'll be using "Finding I AM" by Lysa Terkeurst to guide us.

Women's Group 4 - Surrendered Sisters (30s & 40s, Childcare Available)

Leaders: Faye Wells and Mary Hsueh

Day/Time: Wednesday 6:30-8:30p weekly

Location: Soul City Church

We will meet every Wednesday night this summer with the intention and purpose of reprioritizing our relationship and reliance on Jesus in all areas of our life. Together we will attempt to remember the Lord's relentless pursuit of us, even when we get caught up in everything else besides pursuing Him. We will read, pray, build community, encourage and hold each other accountable as we dig into one of the classic Christian texts by A.W. Tozer, *The Pursuit of God*. Once a month, in lieu of meeting at church, we will have a social to primarily work on community building.



Affinity Group 1 - West Loop Run & Brunch (Co-Ed)

Leader: Matthew Schoonover

Join us for Saturday morning runs (rain or shine) through the city, followed by brunch at neighborhood favorites. Runners of all levels are encouraged to join. From our run/walkers to our experienced veterans, we've got a spot for you! We'll meet at Mary Bartelme Park in the West Loop - specifically the southeast corner of Adam & Peoria!

Day/Time: Saturday 9-11a weekly

Location: West Loop, Mary Bartelme Park

Affinity Group 2 - Chicago Summer (Co-Ed)

Leaders: John Hockberger and Bene Dituri

We'll meet every other week on a predetermined day - dependent upon our activity's time (you'll have notice ahead of time!) We build community while attending mostly free and mostly outdoor entertainment events that make summer in Chicago a fun and memorable season.

Day/Time: various days, 6-9p biweekly

Location: Varies

Affinity Group 3 - Summer Livin' & Jesus Talkin' (Co-Ed 20s)

Leaders: Megan Bozarth and Tina Luo

What better way to spend a summer than exploring faith & fun? Come hang out with other 20-somethings as we talk about the book, *Welcome to Adulthood* by Jonathan Pokluda, and hit up all of the hottest Chicago spots in the summer. From Cubs and Sox games, to rooftops and live-music, we're going to do it all!

Day/Time: Thursday 7-9p weekly

Location: Soul City Church/Varies

Affinity Group 4 - Mommy and Me Beach Group (Parent-Led Childcare)

Leader: Jenny Tole

Grab your sunglasses and beach toys. Let's meet every Tuesday morning at 31st Street Beach at Burnham Harbor. We'll build community while the kiddos dig, build and splash!

Day/Time: Tuesday 9:30-11:30a weekly

Location: 31st Street Beach

Affinity Group 5 - SC Social 2.0 (Co-Ed 20s)

Leaders: Max Reed, Zach Reed, Beth Mask, and Austin O'Brien

Just moved to the city and looking to meet new people? Or, maybe you have been living here, but haven't had the time to meet others and explore your city?

Day/Time: Tuesday 7-8:30p weekly

Location: Varies

Each week we'll meet in a different neighborhood within the city - whether it's a new rooftop/patio, sporting event, or festival in the park. Our second run of Soul City Social is for the 20-something socialite that wants to meet and grow with a like-minded community, all the while exploring their own backyard. Over the course of the 8 weeks we'll be touching on various topics of discussion from podcasts, sermons, and things YOU want to talk about.

Affinity Group 6 - Co-Ed Softball

Leader: Sean Easton

This is a fun sandlot style meet up where we play a pick up game. Bring a glove if you have one if not you can borrow some. All ages (18 and up!) and we'll meet at Livingston Park on Chicago's Near West Side.

Day/Time: Friday 7:30-9:30p weekly

Location: Near West Side

Affinity Group 7 - Fresh Air, Faith, and Friendship (Parent-Led Childcare)

Leader: Christine Gerling

Mom and dads -join us for summer fun on the 606! We will meet up at the Western Avenue (2400W) entrance to the 606 and walk to Walsh Park on the eastern trail end. The kids can play as we chat about life, faith, and parenting. Life is better together!

Day/Time: Monday 10-11:30a weekly

Location: The 606 Walking Trail

Affinity Group 8 - Soul City Dogs (Co-Ed)

Leaders: Liz Diebolt and Allie Zikesch

This group will be a weekly meetup of Soul City dog parents and their pooches. We will meet for fellowship and watch our dogs become best pals!

Day/Time: Tuesday 6:30-7:30p weekly

Location: Skinner Dog Park