

tiny GROUPS

a.k.a. Christoformity Companions

FIRST STEPS

1. Check out the website: eucharistSF.org/TinyGroups

Spend a few minutes seeking to understand the vision and purpose of *tiny GROUP*.

2. Determine if participation in a Tiny Group is appropriate for you

- Are you personally committed to pursuing *Christoformity*? (a.k.a. “All of life in reference to Christ”) - *It won't make much sense to join a group unless you intend to grow as a disciple of Christ.*
- Are you willing to commit to walking with 1-3 other people in a deep and connective way for approx. 5-6 months? Are you willing to open up your heart, bear each other's burdens, share each other's joys, and pray for one another? - *The purpose of these groups is to provide a safe place to know and be known. Are you comfortable with vulnerability?*
- Are you willing to prioritize your time to meet and engage with fellow members of your *tiny GROUP*? - *If you have too many pre-existing commitments and demands and you are not able to fully engage, this might not be a good experience for you or your fellow Tiny Group members.*

3. Prayerfully consider who you would like to invite to be in a *tiny GROUP*

Factors you might consider:

Existing relationships - do you have people you are already doing this type of activity with? Are you in a Table Group with some others that would be a natural fit? In general and where possible, we recommend building on existing relationships.

Geography - it is often easier to connect in-person with those in close proximity.

Openness to people who are different from you - if you are single, are you open to being in a *tiny GROUP* with a married person (and vice versa)? If you are younger would you be open to a peer-based relationship with someone twice your age (and vice versa)? Are you open to people who may have different points of view, cultural backgrounds, education, etc. from yourself? The purpose of these groups is *Christoformity*, but many factors will determine the level of trust and functionality of your *tiny group*.

4. Options for forming a *tiny GROUP*

- Form your own tiny GROUP* - You are welcome to reach out to others and form your own *tiny GROUP*. You are also free to decline someone else's invitation (graciously, of course). It is better to not agree to do something that you really don't want to do up front than to agree and proceed to be a lame *tiny GROUP* member. Speak the truth in love.
- Ask for assistance* - Tell a member of the staff that you want help finding the right *tiny GROUP* to participate in and the staff will do their best to assist you in finding the right *Tiny Group* for you, whether a peer-based group or more of a mentorship relationship.

5. Attend an Orientation

This will be a chance to ask your questions, hear the vision, learn about what makes these groups work well, and more. *We will record this meeting for those who cannot attend.*