



Community Groups

SEED will equip your group to live out a missional lifestyle together by sacrificially serving others with the hope that they will be saved and changed by Jesus Christ.

What do we mean by *missional*?

To be *missional* is to use the methods of a missionary – being indigenous to the culture, seeking to learn and understand it, adapting to the mission field – in order to plant spiritual seeds that are faithful to the gospel.

How will seed equip your group to live missionally?

As Individuals – Group members will see a missional lifestyle modeled and every member will be equipped to discover and use their passions to make Christ's life and mission visible in every sphere of life.

As a Gathered Community – Our goal is to integrate gospel mission into the DNA (identity, purpose and systems) of our church as a whole.

As a Scattered Community – Your group will train within a mile radius of the 930 and work with the Germantown / Shelby Park community to address specific needs in a holistic, transformational way. This training will equip your group to apply the missional principles learned in their own lives, neighborhoods and communities – though group members may live outside of Sojourn's immediate neighborhood.

In Collaboration with Other Churches and City Organizations – Church unity and reconciliation is necessary for a city-reaching mission. Your group will participate in bringing together the body of Christ as well as multi-sector collaborations to establish a fuller expression of God's reign in the city.

Why?

To Transform a City - As your group lives out a missional lifestyle, you are participating in Sojourn's larger vision of city transformation.

What are the benefits of being missional?

It is not a requirement for any community group to participate in seed, but there are many benefits:

- *Living in mission together.* Serving together is easier with your group because you already know your co-workers.
- *Keeping Leadership responsibilities manageable and de-centralized.* Our hope would be to raise up a project coordinator from within your group.
- *Encouraging accountability.* It is more difficult for individuals to hide for or avoid a call to mission in their small group.
- *Cultivating lasting relationships with those served.* With the simple group structure, it is easier to reproduce projects that result in genuine relationships.
- *Creating a welcoming culture.* Our community groups are the best place to share the gospel and welcome new believers into their first Christian relationships.
- *Keeping us real.* Serving the marginalized together keeps group member's attention on daily life issues.