



# FROM MARK'S MIND

Do you like groups? Some people like to be in groups others can't stand groups of people. For various reasons people give various answers to this question. I, for example, like to be in groups. It doesn't bother me at all. I enjoy it. On the other hand, when the group you are in is full of people you don't care for then it makes it hard. But in every group, there is something to learn, something to glean.

Small groups here at UDC are a valuable piece of discipleship. We have many groups here that meet every month. They are full of people who love the Lord and want to grow in their faith. I am looking to add more small groups to our church. The object of every small group is to multiply and divide. Within every small group is a leader, and that leader needs to be looking for the next leader in their group. The object is to train leaders through small groups. They in turn, will lead the next small group. This is a part of discipleship and leader-training. If you are in a small group currently and have felt God pushing you to start another group, that is awesome. Please let me know.

What small groups can offer is amazing. They can offer a sense of belonging, friendship, learning, serving, mentoring, accountability, prayer support, and love just to name a few. My heart's desire is for everyone to be a part of a small group here at UDC. I have seen firsthand the results of what small groups can do and how they can grow a church. People sometimes don't like to come to church because it is too big and overwhelming. Small groups can be a starting point for many to become engaged and a part of the church because they know people from a small group. This can be an amazing outreach tool for our church and give you the opportunity to share your life with others. Please consider being a part of a small group. If we don't have one you're interested in, maybe we can create a new one.

God started the church through small groups which met in homes. We want to do the same. God can grow UDC leaps and bounds through developing small groups. Make time to be in a small group. We make time for everything else that helps us grow in various ways, so why not grow in Christ through a small group? Family-friendly, fun-loving, great fellowship, great food (my favorite) and a great God: that combination is unbeatable. Pray about being a part of a small group. Please let me know if you are interested; I'd love to get you plugged in.

Keep the SON in your eyes,

Pastor Mark