



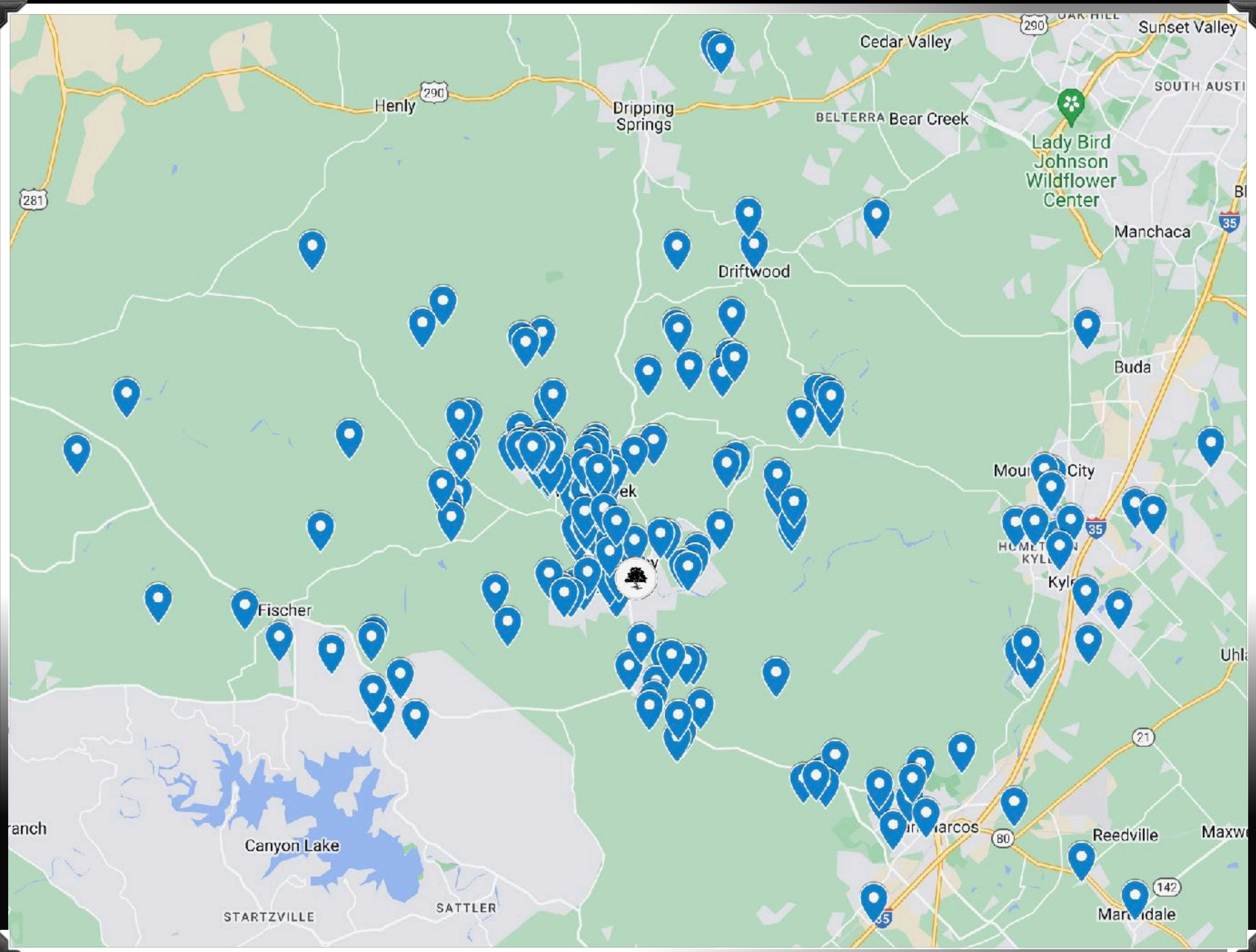
**LEADERS**



## **What are Community Groups?**

**Community Groups are small groups of people, within Cypress Creek Church, characterized by Jesus, Relationships, and Mission.**







# GROW

<sup>42</sup> And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup> And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.

**GIVE**

**<sup>44</sup> And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup> And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.**



# GATHER

<sup>46</sup> And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts,  
<sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people.

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GO

And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

**ACTS 2:47** ESV





# **Discipleship at Cypress Creek Church**

- **Sunday Gatherings** (Speaker - Listener)
- **Community Group** (Shepherd - Flock)
- **Strand** (Mentor - Mentee)
- **Word & Prayer** (Me & God)



# JESUS

<sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.



Jesus:

- **How does the group apply God's Word specifically to their lives?**

<sup>35</sup> And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

MATTHEW 9:35-37 NIV



Relationships:

- **How does the group build relationships with one another?**

“People travel to wonder at the height of the mountains, at the huge waves of the seas, at the long courses of the rivers, at the vast compass of the ocean, at the circular motion of the stars, and yet, they pass by themselves without wondering.”

*St. Augustine*



Mission:

- **How do we keep the group outward focused?**

<sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

<sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”







Community Group Leaders are:

- **Committed**
- **Facilitators**
- **Encouragers**
- **Safe**

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Committed to:

## **Gather**

- **Weekly Community Group**
- **Sunday Gatherings**
- **CG Leader Rally/Meetings**



Committed to:

## **Grow**

- Daily Time with God
- Submitted to God's Word (1 Tim. 3:8-13)
- Invest weekly in CG members
- First Monday Prayer and Worship

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Committed to:

**Give**

- Prayer
- Crisis Care
- Financially through Cypress Creek Church



Committed to:

**Go**

- Gatherings outside Community Group time
- Modeling outward focused (invite, pursue)
- Raising up new leaders (who's next)



<sup>8</sup> In the same way, deacons are to be worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain. <sup>9</sup> They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience. <sup>10</sup> They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons.

**1 TIMOTHY 3:8-10 NIV**



<sup>2</sup> Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are **willing**, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but **eager** to serve;<sup>3</sup> not lording it over those entrusted to you, but **being examples** to the flock.







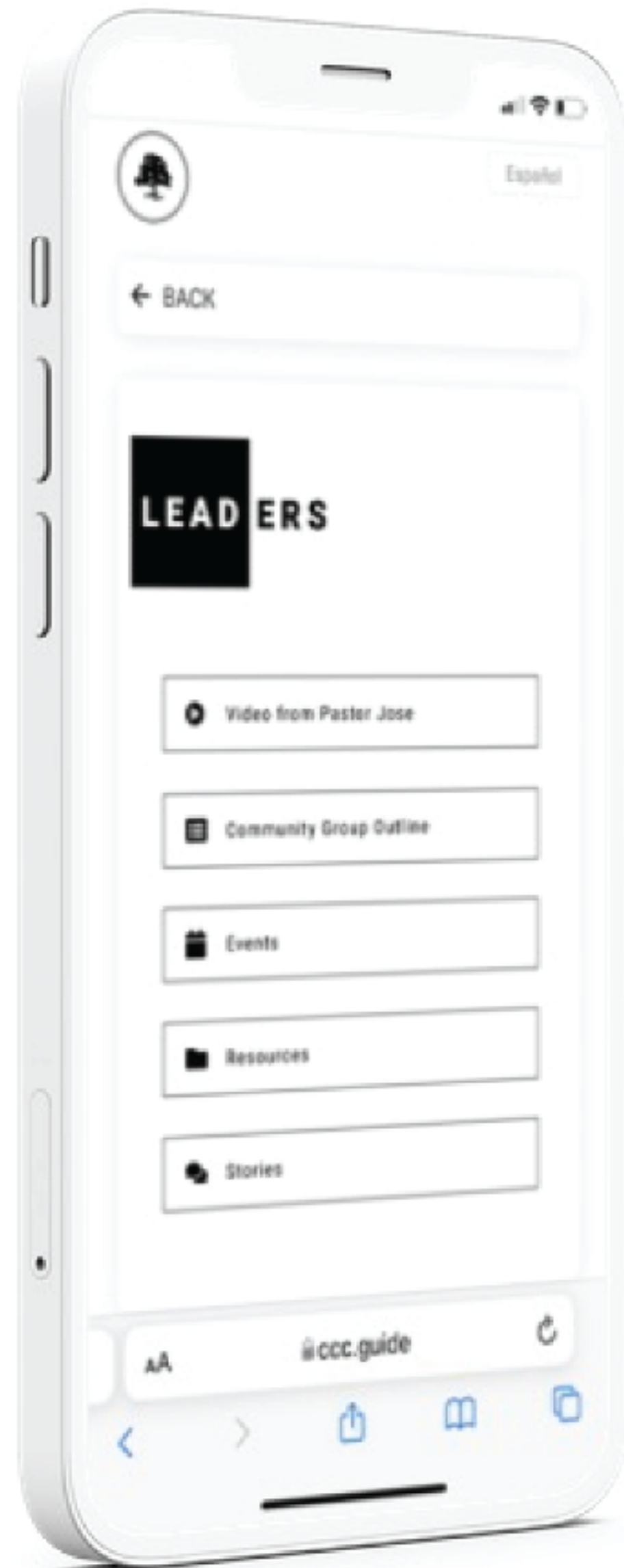
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# LEADER PORTAL

[ccc.guide/lead](https://ccc.guide/lead)

# Example Community Group Schedule

**One Day Before Group** – Touch base with co-leaders/pray

Send reminder in GroupMe

**20min prior** – Arrive and pray as leaders

**10min prior** – Ready to greet individuals as they arrive

**5min after** – Pray and eat

**30min after** – Worship

**40min after** – CG Outline Discussion

**1hr20min after** – Prayer requests & prayer



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Chaos



Harmony //  
Cohesion



Rigid





## ACTIVE LISTENING

- **Reflect** - “what I heard you say was”
- **Question** - “tell me more about that”
- **Understand** - “help me understand”
- **Validate** - “that makes sense”
- **Care** - “it matters that you feel that way”



## CONFLICT RESOLUTION

- Goal is unity and peace (Rom.12:18)
- Check your own emotional state (Eph. 4:31)
- Curiosity (James 1:19)
- Find solution that leads to growth & health (Rom. 14:19)
- Follow the process in Matthew 18





<sup>15</sup> “If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. <sup>16</sup> But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ <sup>17</sup> If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector. **Matt. 18:15-17**



## CRISIS CARE

### Ways to care for those in need:

- See the hurt/need
- Move in
- Listen with compassion
- Pray - take this cup, your will be done



## CRISIS CARE

### When to refer for further help:

- Talk or self-harm, abuse, or addiction
- You sense you are not able or trained on the issues
- After you meet many times with no/minimal improvement
- You realize there is a systematic issue that needs to be addressed (marital or family)
- The person or their issues push your buttons and impede your ability to show compassion and empathy



## CRISIS CARE

### Referral Options:

- Reach out to the Pastoral Team
- Counseling Resources:

Center for Relational Care  
[relationalcare.org](http://relationalcare.org)  
(512) 249-6200

The Timothy Center  
[timothycenter.com](http://timothycenter.com)  
(512) 331-2700

Victor King, LPC  
[victorkinglpc@gmail.com](mailto:victorkinglpc@gmail.com)  
(512) 877-0564



## Break Out Group Questions

- **Share ONE aspect of group that's working well**
- **Share ONE pain point you're group is experiencing**
- **Share ONE area that you'd like your group to improve in**