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## Thanks for checking out small groups at Hillcrest!

We genuinely do believe that following Jesus is best done with other people. A small group is a group of 8 - 18 people that you intentionally do life with, talk about Jesus with, and serve alongside. Most meet every week or every other week for a couple hours to share life, study Scripture, and pray. Right now, most of our groups are meeting online; sign up and the leader will let you know the group's current meeting plan.

This winter, together as a community, we will read the book *Surprised by Paradox* by Jen Pollock Michel. While we can't all gather together physically at this time, our hope for this study is that we can grow in knowledge and unity by learning from the themes of this book on Sunday mornings and by discussing them with one another. Having everyone in small groups for this book study is a way to create structure for those conversations to take place.

In this catalog you will find three different sections:

- [Section One: Ongoing Small Groups](#)  
These are our core small groups that meet throughout the year. Many of these groups will be reading *Surprised by Paradox*.
- [Section Two: Short Term Study Groups](#)  
These groups get together for a limited time to study a particular topic.
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Check this out for youth and college ministry, and things like mom's group and Precepts Bible study.



If you have any questions, please be in touch! We would love to help you in your search for community at Hillcrest.

Sincerely,

Tim Knipp

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Tim Knipp', written over a thin horizontal line.

# HOW TO GET CONNECTED WITH A SMALL GROUP

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**Look through** the groups in the catalog. Find one or more you are interested in checking out. If you are looking for a group that is discussing *Surprised by Paradox*, keep an eye out for this image:



**Click the “Register” Link** to let the group’s leaders know you would like to learn more - you’ll just need to enter your name and email address.

After signing up the **leader will contact you** - visit a few times and see if it’s the right group for you!

If you would like some help finding a group, or if you have any questions, email our Small Groups Coordinator at: [SmallGroups@HCBellingham.com](mailto:SmallGroups@HCBellingham.com)

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# SUNDAY

ONGOING



**LEADER:** David & Lynn Gill

**AREA OF TOWN:** South Bellingham

**LIFESTAGE:** Any Adult

**GENDER MIX:** Mixed

**DESCRIPTION:** The group is multi-generational, singles, couples and families. We have room for new people.

We meet Sundays 6-7pm. Sign up to register and you'll be emailed a link to join us online.

Register: [here](#)



**LEADER:** Jason & Toni Sims

**AREA OF TOWN:** East Bellingham

**LIFESTAGE:** Any Adult

**GENDER MIX:** Mixed

**DESCRIPTION:** Our group meets together Sundays at 1pm on Zoom, twice a month. We discuss what is going on in our lives, talk about the sermon series questions and pray for each other. Sign up and the leader will email you information to join via Zoom.

Register: [here](#)



# MONDAY

ONGOING



**LEADER:** Christian Lindbeck

**AREA OF TOWN:** East Bellingham

**LIFESTAGE:** Any Adult

**GENDER MIX:** Men

**DESCRIPTION:** The Monday Men - We will begin by joining the whole church in the study of the Paradox book. Then, I'd love for those who are interested to consider entering into one year of sharing life together. The off ramp will be clear and the invitation to continue sincere. Monday nights at 6:30pm.

Register: [here](#)





**LEADER:** Cali Goertz and Ashley Mureno

**AREA OF TOWN:** North Bellingham

**LIFESTAGE:** 20's

**GENDER MIX:** Mixed

**DESCRIPTION:** We are a group of 20-somethings who love to nerd out about the Bible, pray together, talk movies and spend time outside. We meet on Monday evenings online from 6:30-8pm. Register for the group and the group leader will email you instructions to meet online.

Register: [here](#)



# TUESDAY

ONGOING



**LEADER:** Bill Akers and Dan Herndon

**AREA OF TOWN:** Ferndale

**LIFESTAGE:** Any Adult

**GENDER MIX:** Mixed

**DESCRIPTION:** We are a multi-generational group that shares the belief that God isn't afraid of our tough questions. We meet Tuesday's 6:30-8pm — Online and when possible outside in a safe way. We will be following the Sunday Sermons and using them as the focus of our sharing and praying for each other.

Register: [here](#)



**LEADER:** Will & Cathaleen Hansen

**AREA OF TOWN:** South Bellingham

**LIFESTAGE:** 20's - 30's

**GENDER MIX:** Mixed

**DESCRIPTION:** We are a fun new group of 20 and 30 somethings who gather Tuesdays at 7pm for prayer, Bible study, and sharing life. We are also passionate about food, games, and the outdoors. We'd love to have you join us as we pursue Jesus together.

Register: [here](#)





**LEADER:** Jim & Laura Carney  
**AREA OF TOWN:** East Bellingham  
**LIFESTAGE:** Any Adult  
**GENDER MIX:** Mixed



**DESCRIPTION:** We are a group of older married couples and singles with grown children. We meet Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm over Zoom, checking in with each other, and often discussing topics from Sunday sermons. We spend time encouraging one another in our journey of faith and praying for each other's needs and families. Outside of our weekly Zoom meetings we sometimes meet to do outdoor activities.

Register: [here](#)



**LEADER:** Kris Peterson  
**AREA OF TOWN:** South Bellingham  
**LIFESTAGE:** Any Adult  
**GENDER MIX:** Women



**DESCRIPTION:** We are a new group of women reading and having insightful discussion about inspirational books. We would love to have you join us on Tuesdays at 6:30pm to read the book *Surprised by Paradox!*

Register: [here](#)

# WEDNESDAY

ONGOING



**LEADER:** Derrick & Kathy Hill  
**AREA OF TOWN:** South Bellingham  
**LIFESTAGE:** Any Adult  
**GENDER MIX:** Mixed



**DESCRIPTION:** We are a group of both married couples and singles (50's - 60's) who meet together by Zoom on Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30pm. We enjoy one another's company, share prayer requests and try to encourage one another. When we can, we will enjoy meeting in person again and eating together.

Register: [here](#)



**LEADER:** David Knebel

**AREA OF TOWN:** Central Bellingham

**LIFESTAGE:** 40's - 50's

**GENDER MIX:** Men

**DESCRIPTION:** We are a group of middle-aged men meeting every other Wednesday evening at 8:30pm. We are currently studying the books of Daniel and the minor prophets, and we share and pray about following Christ in our marriage, family and work.

Register: [here](#)

# THURSDAY

ONGOING



**LEADER:** Men's Prayer Group

**AREA OF TOWN:** South Bellingham

**LIFESTAGE:** Any Adult

**GENDER MIX:** Men

**DESCRIPTION:** We are a men's prayer group focused on Hillcrest related prayer needs that meets Thursday morning from 6:30-7:30am.

Once you sign up the leader will send you a link so you can participate via Zoom.

Register: [here](#)



**LEADER:** Jody & Ashley Wiltfong

**AREA OF TOWN:** South Bellingham

**LIFESTAGE:** College

**GENDER MIX:** Mixed

**DESCRIPTION:** We are a new small group for recent high school graduates who are looking for a core community to study the Bible and grow in friendship through this new season of life. We currently meet at 9am on Thursdays, but may change the meeting day and time to accommodate group members' schedules.

Register: [here](#)



**LEADER:** Guy Frederick

**AREA OF TOWN:** South Bellingham

**LIFESTAGE:** Any Adult

**GENDER MIX:** Men

**DESCRIPTION:** We are a group that meets 6:30-8:30pm. We will meet at Hillcrest in the Modular as we are able.

Register: [here](#)



**LEADER:** Jeff & Emily Jenkins

**AREA OF TOWN:** North Bellingham

**LIFESTAGE:** 20's - 30's

**GENDER MIX:** Mixed

**DESCRIPTION:** We are a bunch of young adults (AKA young professionals) that meet online every Thursday night at 7pm. We will be following the Hillcrest Sermon Series using the Hillcrest discussion questions and praying for each other. Once you sign up the leader will send you a link you can participate via Zoom. We will be following the Hillcrest phased re-opening plan so we will progress towards meeting in person according to the Hillcrest guidelines.

Register: [here](#)



**LEADER:** Mark & Deb Potomak

**AREA OF TOWN:** South Bellingham

**LIFESTAGE:** 20's - 30's

**GENDER MIX:** Mixed

**DESCRIPTION:** We are a group of 20-somethings who get together at 6:30pm for Bible study conversation. We want to be the kind of group that people want to invite their friends along! Register and the leader will email you a link to join online.

Register: [here](#)



# FRIDAY

ONGOING



**LEADER:** Bill Akers

**AREA OF TOWN:** North Bellingham

**LIFESTAGE:** Any Adult

**GENDER MIX:** Men

**DESCRIPTION:** We are a group of men that meet Fridays from 6:30-7:30am online through Facebook Messenger. We discuss our lives and current cultural challenges and how the Word speaks to them and informs us. Register and the leader will email you a link to join.

Register: [here](#)

# SATURDAY

ONGOING



**LEADER:** Guy Frederick

**AREA OF TOWN:** South Bellingham

**LIFESTAGE:** Any Adult

**GENDER MIX:** Mixed

**DESCRIPTION:** Our Saturday prayer group will meet at 10:30am at the Hillcrest Modular during Covid as we are able. We begin with a time of table fellowship. We then move to a time of reading and praying from scripture. All are welcome to join us.

Register: [here](#)



• **Next Steps**

**DESCRIPTION:** Are you new? This group is for you! A four-week small group to introduce you to the purpose, history and vision for the future of Hillcrest Church. You'll meet the staff, hear about the programs offered, reasons behind what we do, why we worship, and you'll meet other new people (at a safe distance or over Zoom), etc. The group will meet from 11am-12pm for four weeks, starting Sunday, February 28th.

**LEADER:** Pastor Kathy Hill

**DAY/TIME:** Sunday mornings for 4 weeks

**WHERE:** Zoom/in person

**LIFESTAGE:** Any Adult

**GENDER MIX:** Mixed

Register: [here](#)



• **The Marriage Course**

**DESCRIPTION:** Whether you want a marriage tune-up, repair, or maintenance, this course is for you. This short term small group will meet online, and is for couples young and old, strong or struggling. It is for those from previous marriages, those who married young or later in life, or for couples with blended families. This course is for anyone who wants to grow in their marriage relationship.

**WHO CAN JOIN:** Couples from any stage of life, marriage or faith.

**FORMAT OF THE COURSE:** We'll gather via Zoom, provide an overview of the topic, then begin the interactive Marriage Course video. We'll go back and forth between watching the video and couple-only (private) discussion times.

**TOPICS:** Communication, Family of Origin, Conflict, Forgiveness, Sex, Love Languages and more.

**BOOK REQUIRED:** The Marriage Course workbook (1 copy for each spouse @ 2 for \$20, scholarships available)

**LEADERS:** Lloyd & Becca Johnson and Kim & Penny Sherwood

**DAY/TIME:** Beginning Monday March 1st from 7-9pm for 7 weeks

**WHERE:** Zoom

**LIFESTAGE:** Any Adult

**GENDER MIX:** Couples

Register: [here](#)

# OTHER WAYS TO CONNECT

## FOUR TWELVE

### 412 MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

**DAY/TIME:** Sundays from 6-7:30pm

**WHERE:** At Hillcrest

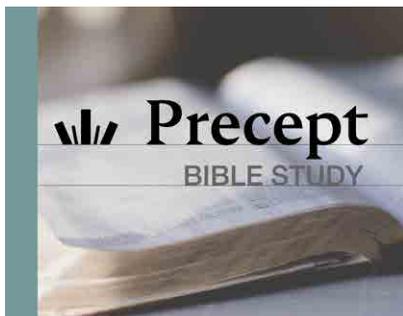
We have small groups for both middle and high school students, and we really encourage students to connect into these groups! During this season, small groups are meeting during our Sunday night gatherings, from 6-7:30pm at Hillcrest, and on zoom during the week. Our small groups aim to have fun, build authentic relationships, study the Bible and have deep conversations. We absolutely understand if gathering in person does not work for your family right now. We ask that you get in touch so that we can work to enable students to Zoom in remotely to their small group during that time, and get resources to you! For more information email: High School - Email Dan at: [Dan.P@HCBellingham.com](mailto:Dan.P@HCBellingham.com)  
Middle School - Email Hannah at: [Hannah.D@HCBellingham.com](mailto:Hannah.D@HCBellingham.com)



### WWU, WCC, OR SVC

#### CORES (SMALL GROUPS):

Campus Christian Fellowship, the college ministry partnered with Hillcrest, is offering small groups online for men and women at Western, Whatcom, and Skagit. For more information go to [ccfministry.com](http://ccfministry.com), [ccfwhatcom.com](http://ccfwhatcom.com), [ccfskagit.com](http://ccfskagit.com) or email [admin@ccfministry.com](mailto:admin@ccfministry.com)



**PRECEPT BIBLE STUDY:** This spring we are offering an in-depth study of the book of 1 Thessalonians, to be completed in 7 sessions. In this New Testament letter, we will learn about discipleship and how to stand firm in our faith, awaiting Christ's return. Workbooks provide direction for studying your Bible at home before attending an online group discussion. This is followed by an optional video lecture from Kay Arthur.

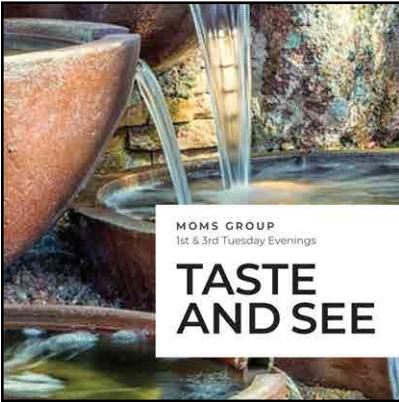
**DAY/TIME:** Bi-monthly Monday evenings at 6:30pm, from February 1st - April 26

**WHERE:** Via Zoom. Sign up by emailing Ruby at [hillcrest@hcbellingham.com](mailto:hillcrest@hcbellingham.com). She will respond with the link to order your workbook for the study.

## MOMS GROUP | WINTER-SPRING 2021

Moms Group would love to warmly welcome all women to join us this Winter/Spring! We will be offering two different gatherings (see below for details). Mamas only please - there is no childcare provided at this time.

Find us on Facebook for community: Hillcrest Moms Group email Kristi: [kristiknipp@gmail.com](mailto:kristiknipp@gmail.com) for invitation to the group.



### Taste and See:

Psalm 34:8 reads, “taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.” Or as written in The Passion translation, “drink deeply of the pleasures of this God.” Experience for yourself the joyous mercies He gives to all who turn to hide themselves in Him, as we gather to worship through guided, creative prayer and active contemplation. There is no outside preparation. Simply imagine a banquet table being laid out for you, a guest with no hostess gift required or requested. Just come. Just be. Just taste and see.

**LEADER:** Kelli Jensen

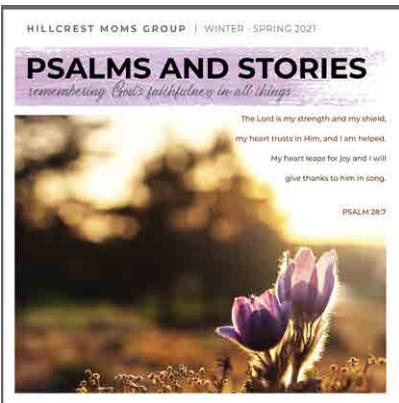
**DAY/TIME:** 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings 7:30-9pm

**WHERE:** at Hillcrest

**LIFESTAGE:** Any Adult

**GENDER MIX:** Women

Contact Info: [caleb.kelli.jensen@gmail.com](mailto:caleb.kelli.jensen@gmail.com)



### Psalms and Stories

Come gather with other women in a safe way to study the book of Psalms. Our time together is spent studying, sharing and praying. We will be meeting Tuesday evenings over Zoom and in person at Hillcrest, 7:30-9pm, beginning February 9th.

**LEADER:** Kristi Knipp

**DAY/TIME:** 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings 7:30-9pm

**WHERE:** on Zoom and at Hillcrest

**LIFESTAGE:** Any Adult

**GENDER MIX:** Women

Contact Info: [kristiknipp@gmail.com](mailto:kristiknipp@gmail.com)



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SMALL GROUP THIS WINTER!**

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