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We believe that following Jesus is best done with other people. Our hope is for every adult at Hillcrest to find themselves in meaningful, Christ-centered relationships, and small groups are one of the big ways we practice this.

A small group is simply a group of 3 - 23 people that you intentionally do life with, talk about Jesus with, and serve alongside. Most groups meet every week or every other week to study Scripture, pray together, and grow in friendship.

In this catalog you will find three different sections:

- The first section is ongoing small groups. These are our core small groups that meet throughout the year. We want everyone to find their way into the right ongoing small group!
- Next you'll find short term small groups. These groups get together for a limited time to study a particular topic, and are a great way to try groups out or learn about something new.
- Finally, near the end of the booklet you'll find other places around Hillcrest to make connections. Groups like Rooted, our young adult ministry, Moms Group, and shared interest groups like the Winter Walking Fellowship and places to do art in community.

If you are interested in trying a small group out, see the next page for how to sign up for a group, and please reach out! We would love to help you in your search for community at Hillcrest.

Sincerely,

Tim Knipp and Alex Allyne



Tim Knipp
Lead Pastor



Alex Allyne
*Associate Director
of Small Groups*

HOW TO GET CONNECTED WITH A SMALL GROUP

1

Look through the groups in the catalog.
Find one or more you would like to check out.

2

Click the “Register” link to let the group's leaders
know you want to learn more - you'll just need to
enter your name and email address.

3

After signing up the leader will contact you - **visit a few times and see if it's the right group for you!** If you like it, try out the group for a couple months. When the next sign up time comes around (in September and February), you are welcome to step away for a season or try another group.

If you would like some help finding a group,
or if you have any questions at all,
email Alex at: SmallGroups@HCBellingham.com
or call her at 360-733-8400 ext. 208.

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SUNDAY

ONGOING

LEADER: David and Lynn Gill

AREA OF TOWN: South Bellingham **LIFESTAGE:** Any Adult

DESCRIPTION: We are a multigenerational group of singles, couples and families. We begin our meeting with a simple meal, study Scripture and pray for one another. We meet on Sunday nights at 6:00-8:00pm at or near Hillcrest.

[REGISTER](#)



LEADER: Derrick and Kathy Hill

AREA OF TOWN: North Bellingham **LIFESTAGE:** Any Adult

DESCRIPTION: We are a small group of both married couples and singles (50s - 60s) who meet together at 1:00pm on Sunday afternoons for a potluck, Bible Study, and prayer, in hopes of building one another up in our faith walks. We meet at the Hill's house.

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MONDAY

ONGOING

LEADER: Anthony and Kylie Hale

AREA OF TOWN: Skagit **LIFESTAGE:** Any Adult

DESCRIPTION: If you're looking to connect with other Hillcrest folks down in Skagit Valley, then this group is for you! We are a mix of singles, couples, and families of all ages. Our vision for this small group is to create a community that shares life openly, grows in our relationships with Jesus, and also has fun when we get together.

We are planning to meet at 6:00pm Monday nights except the last Monday of each month.

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TUESDAY

ONGOING

LEADER: Aaron and Leah Dutton

AREA OF TOWN: South Bellingham **LIFESTAGE:** Any Adult

DESCRIPTION: We are a newish small group who desire to become a multigenerational group of believers learning from one another, whether we are new to following Jesus or have been at it for a long time. We pray for one another, follow the weekly sermon series, and discuss life. We meet Tuesday evenings at a home near Lake Padden.

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LEADER: Kathy Furtado

AREA OF TOWN: Central Bellingham **LIFESTAGE:** 40+ Women

DESCRIPTION: This is a small group for women over 40 who meet in the early afternoon. We pray for one another, usually follow the weekly sermon questions, and discuss life and its interesting changes.

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NEW

LEADER: Michelle Taylor

AREA OF TOWN: South Bellingham **LIFESTAGE:** Adult Women

DESCRIPTION: This group is for women; moms, grandmas, aunts, any women with a heart for covering our kids and schools in prayer. We meet to pray for Southside schools; Happy Valley, Lowell, Fairhaven and Wade King using the Moms in Prayer, International format. Our gatherings are weekly on Tuesday mornings starting at 9:30am and we pray specifically for an hour. We would love to have you join us!

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WEDNESDAY

ONGOING

LEADER: David Knebel

AREA OF TOWN: Central Bellingham **LIFESTAGE:** 40s - 50s Men

DESCRIPTION: We are a group of middle aged men meeting every other Wednesday evening. We study Scripture together, and we share and pray about following Christ in our marriage, family and work.

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LEADER: Corrie Mick

AREA OF TOWN: North Bellingham **LIFESTAGE:** 20s - 30s Women

DESCRIPTION: We are a small group of women who meet on Wednesday nights from 5:30-7:00pm. We dive into studies on books of the Bible and follow along with the rest of the church when we're all studying a book together. We ask challenging questions, find hope, and encourage each other. I'd love for you to join us as we dive into the beauty and sometimes challenge of learning about God.

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LEADER: Hannah Halstead and Alexis Blalock

AREA OF TOWN: South Bellingham **LIFESTAGE:** 20s

DESCRIPTION: A small group for recent college graduates to help the transition into a post-college life pursuing God in the working world.

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NEW

LEADER: Dick and Linda Williams

AREA OF TOWN: South Bellingham **LIFESTAGE:** Any Adult

DESCRIPTION: We are leaving a long-term, dearly loved small group to launch a new one. We look forward to establishing the same deep, abiding relationships with new folks. We will meet on Wednesday nights at 7:30pm in the South Bellingham area to study the Word following the Sunday sermon series, pray together and support one another in word and deed. We hope for this to be a multi-generational group welcoming both couples and singles.

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THURSDAY

ONGOING

GROUP: Men's Prayer Group

AREA OF TOWN: South Bellingham **LIFESTAGE:** Adult Men

DESCRIPTION: We are a men's prayer group focused on Hillcrest and community-related prayer needs that meets Thursday morning from 6:30-7:30am. We currently have two groups, one meeting in person at the church and the other meeting on Zoom. If you'd like to join in person, just show up on a Thursday morning! If you prefer to join the Zoom group, or would like to learn more, register and a leader will get in touch with you.

[REGISTER](#)

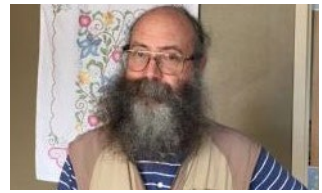


LEADER: Guy Frederick

AREA OF TOWN: South Bellingham **LIFESTAGE:** Adult Men

DESCRIPTION: We are a group of men that meets from 6:30-8:30pm. We will meet at Hillcrest Church at the Modular as we are able.

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LEADER: Jeff and Emily Jenkins

AREA OF TOWN: North Bellingham **LIFESTAGE:** 20's - 30's

DESCRIPTION: We are a bunch of young adults (young professionals + families) that meet together every Thursday night at 6:30pm. We will be following the sermon series using the Hillcrest discussion questions and praying for each other. We like eating together, too!

[REGISTER](#)



LEADER: Kris Peterson

AREA OF TOWN: South Bellingham **LIFESTAGE:** Adult Women

DESCRIPTION: We are a group of women reading and having insightful discussion about inspirational books. We are currently meeting at 5:30pm on the first and third Thursdays of the month, but we tend to be very flexible to accommodate changing schedules. We communicate between meetings by sharing prayer requests and inspirational quotes.

[REGISTER](#)



THURSDAY

ONGOING

NEW

LEADER: Dee Turley

AREA OF TOWN: North Bellingham **LIFESTAGE:** Senior Women

DESCRIPTION: This is a new small group for women, ages 65+, who will meet in the early afternoon on Thursdays from 1:00-2:30pm. We will talk about restoring joy during brokenness – whether it be grief, depression, fear, stress, doubt, broken relationships, etc. We will share, study, and pray together.

[REGISTER](#)



FRIDAY

ONGOING

LEADER: Jonathan and Katelin Oliveira

AREA OF TOWN: North County **LIFESTAGE:** 30's - 40's

DESCRIPTION: We are 30 to 40 something's who gather every other week to study the Word based on the sermons, pray together and fellowship. We meet every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month. If you are looking to get connected we'd love to have you join us!

[REGISTER](#)



NEW

LEADER: Jonathan and Emily Martens

AREA OF TOWN: South Bellingham **LIFESTAGE:** 20's - 30's

DESCRIPTION: We are a small group for young married couples. We'll gather each Friday evening and talk about what it looks like to follow Jesus together as a couple. We will share hosting and discussion leadership with those interested. We'd love to have you join us!

[REGISTER](#)



SATURDAY ONGOING

LEADER: Guy Frederick

AREA OF TOWN: South Bellingham **LIFESTAGE:** Any Adult

DESCRIPTION: Our Saturday prayer group will meet at 10:00am at the modular building at Hillcrest Church. 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.

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••••• SHORT TERM GROUPS •••••



Next Steps

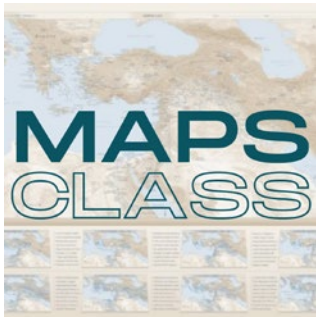
LEADER: Pastor Kathy Hill

WHEN: Sunday at 12:30pm

WHERE: Fireside Cafe at Hillcrest **LIFESTAGE:** Any Adult

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 and hear about the programs offered, reasons behind what we do, and why we worship. You'll also get to meet other new people. The group will meet from 12:30-1:30pm for four weeks, starting Sunday, February 4th with the Newcomer Lunch.

LEARN MORE: Email Bev.D@HCBellingham.com to learn more or sign up!



Maps Class: the Historical Geography of the Bible

LEADER: Tim and Kristi Knipp

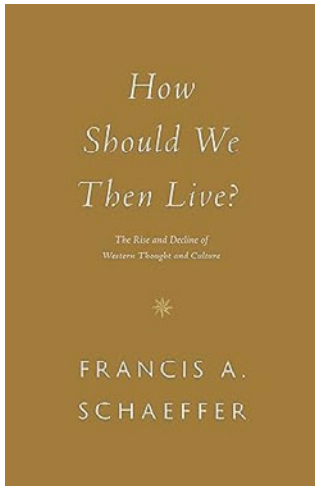
WHEN: Monday Evening

WHERE: South Bellingham **LIFESTAGE:** Any Adult

DESCRIPTION: In this course we will learn about the land of Israel and how it shaped the Biblical story. Much of the work will be mapping Biblical Stories onto full color maps, and understanding why events unfolded the way they did. This group will meet for eight Monday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm, beginning April 8. This class costs \$49 for map materials.

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SHORT TERM GROUPS



How Should We Then Live Book Study

LEADER: Tom and Andrea King

WHEN: Tuesday Evening

WHERE: South Bellingham **LIFESTAGE:** Any Adult

DESCRIPTION: “There is a flow to history and culture. This flow is rooted and has its wellspring in the thoughts of people”
– Francis A. Schaeffer.

Join us as we take an exciting and enlightening intellectual journey from the Roman Empire through the Reformation. On this journey we will investigate the philosophy, art and music that gave rise to Western thought and culture. Our guide is none other than one of the foremost evangelical thinkers of the twentieth century, Francis A. Schaeffer. Using his book, “How Should We Then Live,” we will enjoy great conversation about our shared Christian heritage, who we are in Christ and How We Should Then Live. This group will meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm for 5 weeks beginning February 20.

[REGISTER](#)



Arms of Love: After Abortion Care

LEADER: Barb Curry

WHEN: Wednesday Evening

WHERE: TBD **LIFESTAGE:** Any Adult Woman

DESCRIPTION: Arms of Love is a twelve-week support group where women can explore the complex and sometimes confusing emotions surrounding their abortion experience(s) in an atmosphere of acceptance, safety and confidentiality. Open to women of all ages, pre-registration required. New session begins the week of February 26th.

LEARN MORE: Email Barb at armsoflove@whatcomclinic.com for more information.

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Jewish Roots of Christianity

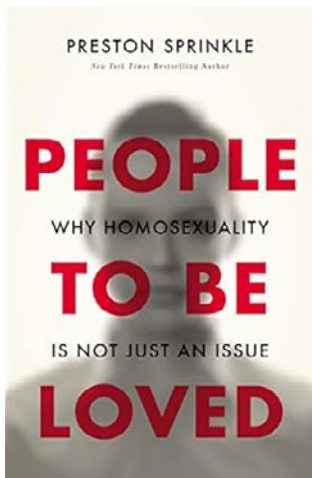
LEADER: Janet Tucker

WHEN: Tuesday Evening

WHERE: Hillcrest **LIFESTAGE:** Any Adult

DESCRIPTION: This short term small group for adults will be studying the Jewish Roots of our Christian faith. During our meetings we will learn together, break bread in community, experience Jewish feasts and Shabbat dinner, and understand more fully how it all points to Jesus/Yeshua. This class is designed to enrich your faith. Led by Jan Tucker, this group will be meeting Tuesdays at 6:00pm for six weeks, beginning February 20 and ending with a Passover Seder during Holy Week.

[REGISTER](#)



People to be Loved Book Study

LEADER: Jessica Mumley, Hannah Carlson, Eleah Tercero and Kennedy Werner

WHEN: Thursday Evening

WHERE: Hillcrest **LIFESTAGE:** Any Adult

DESCRIPTION: Join us in exploring Preston Sprinkle's book People to be Loved: Why Homosexuality is Not Just an Issue. It is rare to find an author who excels so holistically in both his position and his posture: his scholarship of biblical text, his exploration of scientific findings, his insightful lens on this cultural moment, his pastoral heart of love and truth, and his lived experience walking alongside many same sex attracted friends. We as Christians need to pursue all of these - biblical scholarship, attention to science, cultural sensitivity, and genuine friendship - in order to stay helpful in the conversation around gender and sexuality. This group will be meeting on Thursday nights from 7:00-8:30pm for six weeks beginning March 7.

[REGISTER](#)

ONGOING MINISTRIES



412 MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

DESCRIPTION: We have small groups for both middle and high school students, and we encourage students to connect with these groups! Our small groups meet during the week and aim to have fun, build authentic relationships, study the Bible, and have deep conversations.

LEARN MORE: Email our youth pastor, Casey Stringer, at Casey.S@HCBellingham.com



**CAMPUS CHRISTIAN
FELLOWSHIP**

COLLEGE MINISTRY

DESCRIPTION: Campus Christian Fellowship offers small groups for college students who take classes at Western Washington University, Whatcom Community College, and Skagit Valley College.

LEARN MORE: WWU: ccfministry.com WCC: ccfwhatcom.com
SVC: ccfskagit.com Email: admin@ccfministry.com



ROOTED

DESCRIPTION: Calling all young adults ages 18-35ish! Hillcrest Church welcomes you to check out Rooted: a young adult ministry passionate about staying rooted in God's Word and connected with others. Rooted is a space to build friendships and find encouragement in your walk with Jesus, and gets together for monthly events.

LEARN MORE: Join the [Rooted Group.Me](https://www.meetup.com/Rooted-Group-Me) for information about the next group event.





The Marriage Course

The Marriage Course

DESCRIPTION: Designed for couples in all stages of marriage, this class is intended to support and encourage you in bringing deeper connection, intimacy, and joy into this key relationship. The guiding video series and workbook provide structure and opportunity for private conversations together with your spouse. One couple that recently participated, married for 36 years, said of the course: "Amazing experience! This was some of the best and deepest sharing we've done in years!" We hope, whether you've engaged in this course previously, or it is the first time, that you will join us as we work to build marriages that reflect God's deep love for us.

DETAILS: Begins Tuesday, February 27 and runs for seven Tuesdays from 7:00-9:00pm. The first and last session will be held in person, with the rest over zoom. The cost is \$25 per couple and includes two books.

LEARN MORE: Contact Kim and Penny Sherwood at kpsherwood@comcast.net for more information or sign-up using the link below.

[**REGISTER**](#)



The Pre Marriage Course

The Pre-Marriage Course

DESCRIPTION: A series of conversations to help engaged couples build strong foundations for their future together. Over seven sessions you will learn more about communication, understand and appreciate your differences, and prepare for potential challenges. This group is open to all couples: young and old, first time or previously married, church or community members.

LEARN MORE: Contact Staci Zenonian at szenonian8823@msn.com for more information.

The cost is \$22 per couple and includes two workbooks.

FAMILY & COUPLES MINISTRIES



The Pre-Engagement Course

DESCRIPTION: Pre-E is for couples at a time in their relationship when they are starting to ask tough and important questions about their future together. Through readings, exercises, and discussions with their partner in a group setting led by a guiding couple, Pre-E seeks to engage, challenge, and encourage couples to seek God's wisdom and guidance for their relationship. This 10-week course covers many aspects of marriage including communication, family background, sexual intimacy, money, and more.

LEARN MORE: Sessions take place twice a year, with one beginning soon. Contact Hillcrest@HCBellingham.com right away if you are interested.



MOMS' GROUP

DESCRIPTION: Moms' Group would love to warmly welcome you to our gatherings this year! We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month from 9:30-11:00am in the Fireside Cafe. Moms' Group is a place where women from all different backgrounds and stages of motherhood spend time together studying, sharing, and praying. We aim to know Jesus more and connect with other moms with children of any age. Childcare is provided.

LEARN MORE: Contact MomsGroup@HCBellingham.com or find us on Facebook ([Hillcrest Moms Group](https://www.facebook.com/HillcrestMomsGroup))

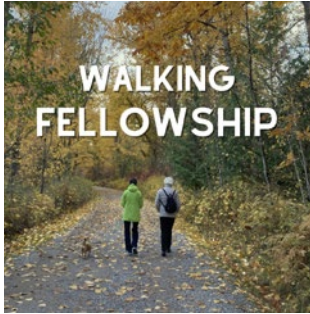


HOPE RESTORED SUPPORT GROUP

DESCRIPTION: This group meets for dinner once a month to provide support, resources and conversations to those caring for kids from hard places. This group often includes foster and adoptive parents, as well as adults with adoption stories.

LEARN MORE: Contact HopeRestored@HCBellingham.com with questions.

••••• SHARED INTEREST GROUPS •••••



WINTER WALKING FELLOWSHIP

DESCRIPTION: Join us for a weekly one-hour walk, at your own pace, on the Railroad Grade trail. Enjoy time outside and fellowship with others. Kids, dogs, and friends are welcome. We'll meet at the café inside the Barkley Village Haggen at 10:50am and begin our walk at 11:00am.

LEARN MORE: Contact kathyfurtado@hotmail.com with any questions.



POTLUCK DE LA IGLESIA

DESCRIPCIÓN: Para todos los hispanohablantes nos reunimos cada tercer domingo del mes para una comida compartida. Nuestra esperanza es crear un lugar para que los creyentes cultiven relaciones sinceras entre sí que comparten culturas similares y cuyo idioma principal es el español.

APRENDE MÁS: Contacte a Jayne Jurado en jayjur59@hotmail.com para mas información.

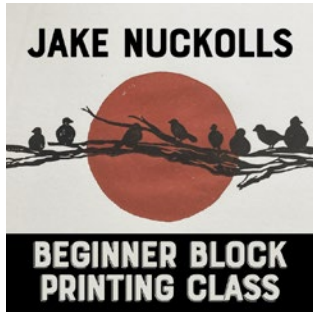


STITCH TOGETHER

DESCRIPTION: Stitch Together meets twice a month to work on our fiber arts projects together. Bring your own knitting, crochet, embroidery, cross stitch, quilting and more to work on. If you want to learn more about any of these skills, please come and we will teach you! This group meets at Hillcrest two Mondays a month from 6:00-8:30pm.

LEARN MORE: Reach out to Theresa Golden for details at tagolden@outlook.com.

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JAKE'S BEGINNER BLOCK PRINTING CLASS

DESCRIPTION: Learn how to create your own prints in this beginner level block printing class taught by Jake Nuckolls! Class participants will complete a block printing project over four Sundays beginning on February 4th from 12:30-1:30pm in the Commons.

LEARN MORE: Class size is limited to 12. Save your spot by emailing MaryMargaret.B@HCBellingham.com before Feb. 1st. Class materials can be purchased [here](#).



HILLCREST CREATES

DESCRIPTION: Calling all creatives of every medium, skill level, and age! Join us for Hillcrest Creates, an open studio time where you bring your own art project and create in community. This is a multi-generational gathering in an encouraging environment, meant to help you grow in your artistry. We offer refreshments and have a brief devotional. Kids age 11 and under must have an adult attend with them. *Join us Saturday March 9th and Saturday May 4th from 9:00am-12:00pm in the Fireside Cafe.*

LEARN MORE: MaryMargaret.B@HCBellingham.com for details.



YELLOWSTONE THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE: NEW TESTAMENT 101

DESCRIPTION: This winter, Yellowstone Theological Institute will be offering a New Testament 101 seminary course for the Foundations Internship students that will be open to the community for participation. The course highlights the life and teachings of Jesus, the coming of the Spirit, the early church and its problems, and meaning found in the Apocalypse of John, with its particular application for the church today. This six week course will be offered on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 1:00pm beginning Wednesday, February 14. It will be taught by Tim Knipp and available for audit for \$200 through YTI.

LEARN MORE: cfl@hcbellingham.com

“I wasn’t particularly looking for community and wasn’t planning on staying in Bellingham at all this year, but since I did, being adopted into the small group and being a part of this community has been one of the biggest blessings.”

— New Hillcrest small group participant



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