IDENTIFYING A COMMUNITY GROUP

Belonging to a Community Group is a mark of membership at Redeemer's Fellowship, so it is important to understand what makes a *group* a Community Group. Here are some intuitive filter statements to help identify the nature of your group. If you can affirm these, you're probably already in community!

- This Group could not fulfill its purpose if it did not create community where discipleship happens.

  Community Groups can have aspects of Bible study, fun, or meeting new people. But if these things are the entire function of a group, it's not a Community Group. Relationships are a must, and living out Christlikeness is our immovable mission.

- This group is principally dedicated to the 6 Core Values of Community Groups, and measures its success by the group members' pursuit of these biblical traits.

  1) Devote Daily 2) Pursue Relationally 3) Counsel Biblically
  4) Live Authentically 5) Admonish Faithfully 6) Engage Missionally

- The group leader answers to the pastoral and Elder authority of Redeemer's Fellowship.

  Every member of Redeemer's Fellowship is governed by Godly, selfless men responsible with the care of the members of this church. Community Groups are part of a church where submission to Christ is represented by the counsel of every party, all the way up to our Eldership.

- The same group members attend consistently and are allowed and expected to have a voice.

  Community Groups connect people in lasting and invested ways. Though their membership can change over the group's lifespan, those members are not mere spectators, but are active participants in one another's lives for the sake of Jesus' glory.

- My group is one of the first places I go for counsel and care.

  God never intended you to navigate through the ups and downs of life alone. Rather than outsourcing their problems, Community Groups are where people live interdependently, serving each other's spiritual and physical needs in ways that are both practical and effective.