

G-Group Formation

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In support of our missional priority to “do real relationship, no bullshit, ever”; and because we believe God has called people into friendship in support of our discipleship of Jesus; and because Jesus so often ate and drank with his friends and followers; Galileo Church places a high priority on “G-Groups,” which are small groups meeting during the week for sharing life in various ways.

The Missional Logistics Team is charged with the stewardship of our finances in support of our missional priorities, so it has developed the following guidelines for formation of new G-Groups.

1. Anyone affiliated with Galileo may ask to form a G-Group, and the request will be considered at the next MLT meeting.
2. Hosts and leaders of G-Groups should be co-conspirators of Galileo Church, or on their way toward it.
3. Hosts and leaders should be on-board with our missional priorities, including wholehearted agreement with the church’s inclusion of LGBTQ+ people.
4. G-Groups must be public, accessible, welcoming of additional people; and should meet on a regular schedule. They will be announced on Galileo’s website, Facebook page, etc.
5. G-Group hosts and leaders should be in communication with the Lead Evangelist about the group’s schedule, curriculum, and membership. The program of any G-Group will not be mandated, but we wish for the content of programming to be supportive of Christian discipleship. Bible studies, purchased curriculum, sharing of autobiographies, reading books together – these are good examples of the things G-Groups do together, in addition to sharing food and drink. The Lead Evangelist can help develop programming for G-Groups.
6. The Lead Evangelist and members of the MLT will occasionally visit G-Groups to share information and get feedback about church life.
7. For 2016, each G-Group can be reimbursed up to \$40 per week for food and drink, or for other supplies that support its life. For reimbursement, submit photographed receipts to galileochurch.org/reimbursement.

G-Groups are essential to Galileo Church’s life together. Hosts and leaders provide invaluable service to our church, and the MLT upholds their ministry in gratitude. The MLT offers relief for tired leaders, infrastructure for dividing groups that become too large (8-12 members is recommended), and ongoing prayer for the help of God’s Spirit for all the church’s G-Groups. It is our intention, insofar as it is possible, to commission Care & Feeding Team members to help direct each G-Group.