

Mt. Olive @ Home

What If...church “families” could grow in faith together?

What If...church “family” members had something that would spark meaningful conversations on away from church, and during the week?

Research proves the greatest influences on faith development are the conversations that take place in the home. Mt. Olive @ Home makes it easy for families to come together and grow in faith because it simply gets people together in fun and positive activities while nurturing faith and relationships. Families are on common ground when they talk about and live out their faith.

Making it easy...

Almost anything could be a Mt. Olive @ Home group. All it takes is intentionally adding faith to it. What do you already enjoy doing? What brings your group of friends and family together already? Often it is food, a favorite game like Scrabble, or a hobby. Perhaps it is an event – or a way to serve your neighborhood. Perhaps it is a healthy exercise. The point is that we get together and grow as a smaller church “family” with the larger church.

Sometimes church programs are too formal and can make things complicated. We are trying to make this simple and easy to start.

- One** – identify something you enjoy
 1. Hobby
 2. Activity
 3. Service project
- Two** – Think of people from church and your neighborhood to invite
- Three** - Register your group – let Mark Thompson, dce@connectwithjesus.org (288-2370), know of your group. This allows him to help you get the group going with publicity and other tools. He is also available to assist you with ideas for step four.
- Four** – Have prayer and a devotion or short Bible study. This does not need to be complex or rely on published material. It could be as simple as:

Prayer – short Bible Reading – Questions to consider – How does this affect my life?
- Five** – Consistency is important if this group is to develop as a place of trust, edification and enjoyment. Meet regularly – twice a month or at minimum, monthly.

Possible Mt. Olive @ Home Groups:

Walking Group – Meet up at church or in your neighborhood. Walk as a group or in prayers. Verses and questions could be written on index cards or printed out so that you can exercise your faith and relationships as you exercise your body.

Bowling Group – Have a regular bowl night. Your short Bible study or devotion could be at the bowling alley while eating or snacking – or before/after at someone’s home.

Board/Card Game Night Group– Play Scrabble, Apple-to-Apples, Monopoly or other favorite game. Bible time could be easily adapted to fit into the style of the game, or just kept simple.

Cooking & Eating Group – Prepare a meal together, keeping it simple or infuse some fun with some creativity. Bible and prayer could easily fit into the meal theme, or again be kept short and simple.

Community Service Group – Find some volunteer work that serves your community. Do it together, gathering before or after for prayer and Bible and discussion.

Variety Group – Your group could mix things up by rotating through each of these kinds of activities.