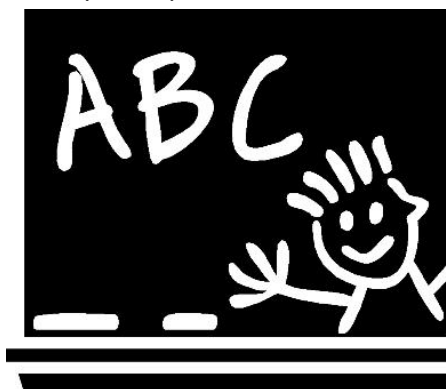


## Small Groups: Their Purpose

Small groups exist to promote spiritual maturity and personal growth through meaningful Christian relationships and study of God's Word. They do this by focusing on three primary activities (ABCs) each week:



1. **(A) Apply the Bible to life** (Hebrews 10:24-25)  
"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching."
2. **(B) Build Authentic Relationships** (John 15:12-13)  
"I command you to love each other in the same way that I love you. And here is how to measure it--the greatest love is shown when people lay down their lives for their friends."
3. **(C) Care and Accountability** (Galatians 6:1-3)  
"Dear brothers and sisters, if another Christian is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful



not to fall into the same temptation yourself. Share each other's troubles and problems, and in this way obey the law of Christ. If you think you are too important to help someone in need, you are only fooling yourself. You are really a nobody."