



ENGAGE GROUP? ... 'I'M NOT SURE ABOUT THAT'

I know joining a ENGAGE group is a big jump. There are a lot of reasons you shouldn't do it. Heck, I've made some of these same excuses and I'm a pastor! Here's my list of excuses:

Excuse #1: There are weird people.

You're thinking something like this, aren't you? If I join an ENGAGE group, there will be weird people in there. They will probably have cats and want to talk about the book of Revelation the whole time. I don't know if I can handle that level of weirdness.

Let me go ahead and confirm your fears. Chances are, there WILL be a strange person in your group. We're all a little weird, right?

Excuse #2: I'm too busy.

On any given week, you work about 50 hours, drive about 10 hours, go to the grocery store, shovel the walk, watch SportsCenter, cook dinner, drive the kids to practices and call your mom. Every time you check one thing off the list, another thing is there to take its place.

You don't need a lecture to prioritize. But I do want to give you permission. Permission to let something go undone and make time for connecting with God and others.

Excuse #3: I'm an introvert.

I'm pretty sure 60% of the people in the world are introverts. It seems like less, but that's just because the extroverts are loud and EVERYWHERE. :) I'm an introvert - I like doing things by myself. Groups of people drain me. But once you break the ice, it will be worth it.

Those are three of the reasons I've given myself for not jumping into a ENGAGE group with others. So, what are yours?

Of course, my reasons didn't hold up. I LOVE ENGAGE Groups. I suspect you might, too.

Pastor Lexi

P.S. If you're ready to jump in, we'll make it as easy as possible. Check out the Bible Reading Group and the Bible Study below. We'll be launching a running group in the spring as well!



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BIBLE READING GROUPS

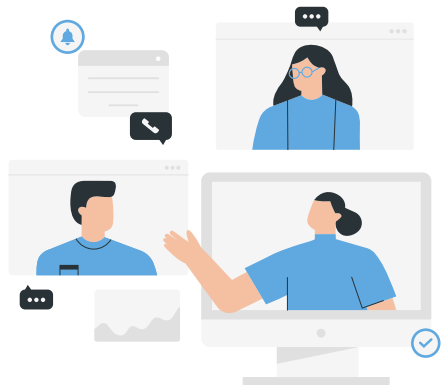
How it works: You'll get a text reminder to read one chapter from the New Testament each day, Monday through Friday, and you can share thoughts with your group. Don't worry. We know life happens. No stress if you miss a day. After we finish a book of the Bible, we'll either Zoom or gather in person for fellowship and recap what we each took away from the readings.

Leader: Lexi Lang

How to sign up: Email with your name and cell phone number to engagesouthkc@gmail.com.



Pray for neighbors by name. [Here's how.](#)



IMMERSE BIBLE STUDY - ZOOM MONDAYS @ 7:30PM BEGINNING JAN. 31

This group will engage in a "book club" style conversation on the book of Ephesians guided by these four questions...

1. What stood out to you this week?
2. Was there anything confusing or troubling?
3. Did anything make you think differently about God?
4. How might this change the way we live?

Ephesians is about how to be the church and our prayer is this group would help us live into being the church in community.

Leaders: Adam & Claire McClun, Rachel Larson

How to sign up: Email engagesouthkc@gmail.com

JOIN A MINISTRY TEAM

Now that we've somewhat settled into rhythms as a community, we'd like to start building small teams of volunteers to help coordinate various ministry areas. Volunteers will work with Vision Team members or pastors to coordinate efforts related our mission of being Inspired by Jesus, Impacting our City & the World. Please take a look at the areas of ministry we'd like to start organizing around and let us know if you are interested in volunteering.

P.S. None of us are fans of meetings for meetings' sake. So, no worries. Signing up is not signing you up for a bunch of meetings. Further, asking questions is not signing up. So, ask away. :)



MINISTRY AREAS:

SOCIAL MEDIA
HOSPITALITY
CONNECTIONS
MISSIONS
CHILDREN/YOUTH
ONLINE HOSTS

UNITEKC *Get ready to*
GO UNDERGROUND

Kansas City - Feb. 4-5, 2022



Get ready to go **UNDERGROUND**! Underground tells the history and heroics of the Underground Railroad, a story of White and Black people coming together to work toward freedom, justice and equality.

Underground depicts the plight of three slaves escaping the plantation through the Underground Railroad and the people along their journey who must decide if they will do One Good Thing to help the slaves reach freedom. **Will you join us?**

Dates:

Friday, Feb. 4 at 7:30 p.m. & Saturday, Feb. 5 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Visit gounderground.org to get tickets. Use the discount code MTCAR22 for 35% off tickets available until 11:59 p.m. on Jan. 30. After that date, you can use 4UNITEKC for 20% off.

Let us know if you plan to go!

GLOBAL 6K FOR WATER MORNING OF MAY 21, ROUTE & TIME TBA

THIS SPRING, CHANGE A LIFE. Join thousands of people across the globe in our mission to bring life-changing clean water and fullness of life to children in communities around the world.

Walk, run, or push a stroller with us at the World Vision Global 6K for Water. Each registration provides lasting clean water to a child, like the child on your race bib!

Register for \$50 for adults, \$25 for kids. That money provides lasting clean water for a child.

The first 5 people to register get \$5 off registration with the code **FIRSTFIVE!**

Find our ENGAGE SOUTH KC team at
<https://global6k.worldvision.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donordrive.team&teamID=15663>



WORSHIP IN PERSON FEB. 6, 10 A.M.

Join us at the Arts Engagement Foundation, 20 E Gregory, Kansas City, Mo. Coffee and pastries will be served before worship begins. Children will be released for Engage Kids right after worship through song. Please mask up.

WORSHIP ONLINE FEB. 6, 10 A.M.

Join us online for live chat and worship @
<https://engageskc.online.church>.

SERVE THE CITY #ONEGOODTHING

Serve the houseless/refugees. Bring the following along to service or deliver to Pastor Lexi, lang.alexia@gmail.com:

- Empty plastic grocery bags
- New or gently used hats, gloves, scarves and coats
- Hand/foot warmers
- Packaged snacks/meal bars
- Bottles of water