

HBC Go Group

9 Month Community Overview

Purpose

- Go Group is an intensive training season aimed to prepare you for effective life and ministry on the field. It is one thing to go to the field, yet it is another thing to stay on the field. Go Group is set up to prepare you with the necessary character and tools to do exactly that.

Objectives

- Deeper love and passion for Jesus
- Greater understanding of the world and missions
- Freedom from bondage of sin
- Gained practical tools for disciple-making, multiplication, and other ministry principles
- Increased knowledge and application of the Scriptures
- Effectiveness in teamwork, communication, and conflict resolution
- Development of healthy personal and team rhythms
- Identified next steps to going to the field

Prerequisites

- Heritage Covenant Membership
- Complete Disciple-Making Team
- Complete Discover Targets, including Oral Doctrine Assessment
- Application and Interview with Global Ministries Team
- Heritage Short-Term Trip
- Invitation into Go Group

Length

- Go Group lasts for 9 months, from mid-August through mid-December and from mid-January through mid-May. *Note: Apartment leases will likely be 12 months.*

Costs

- The cost of participating in a Go Group is \$875 per person. **Includes:** books, weekend retreat costs, Goer Gathering registration fee, and administrative fee. **Does Not Include:** personal living expenses, Goer Gathering travel expenses, equipping trip expenses. **Support Raising Training** will be provided in order to help raise money for approved one-time expenses (Goer Gathering, equipping trip, etc.).

Location

- Local Lynchburg community apartment complex. More details will be provided in the Welcome document. Go Group members are responsible for dealing directly with all logistical items (application, lease agreement, etc.) with the apartment complex staff.

Curriculum

- Go Group participants learn by doing. That's why we call our meetings "Half-time." They are simply an opportunity to pause once a week and report on what God has been doing in the last six days. We pray and encourage one another, plan our next week of ministry, and discuss books, articles, and Bible passages about relevant topics. When the meeting is over, the real training begins. It's not enough to just know information about best ministry practices. The heart of a Go Group is learning to live out these practices in our everyday lives..

Topics Covered

- Discipleship
- Conflict Resolution
- Spiritual Warfare
- Church Planting Principles
- Indentity in Christ
- Teamwork & Communication
- Contextualization
- Support Raising
- Suffering and Sacrifice

Go Plan

- Go Group members, working in conjunction with Heritage leadership, develop a Go Plan whereby vision and action steps to the field are identified and refined. Parts of a Go Plan include vision and calling, personal readiness evaluation, team selection, support structures, field/agency selection, timeline, and preparation priorities. *Note: The ultimate desire for Go Group is that each member would discover their role and next step in God's Kingdom work, whether that be to go, mobilize, or send.*

Community Commitments

- **20-25 hours/week commitment**
- **4 hours** weekly gathering called "Halftime"
Note: Halftime attendance is expected. We recognize unforeseen challenges may arise (illness, car accident, etc.), however other plans (vacation, birthday party, etc.) should not be scheduled over Halftime unless it's a similar reason to that which would cause you to travel home from the field.
- **3+ hours** weekly with Jesus
- **2+ hours** weekly with not yet believers, along with other Go Group members
- **2+ hours** weekly assigned training reading
- **1+ hour** weekly prayer together (first few months will include **up to 6 hours weekly prayer** together)
- **Monthly** update 10 prayer partners
- Live in close community
- Develop & refine personal Go Plan
- Memorize scripture passages & Jesus stories
- Work through Personal Development Plan

Other Go Group Commitments

- **Multiplication Retreat** (Fall) and **Conflict Resolution Retreat** (Spring) will take place at a nearby location. Exact dates are TBA.
 - *Multiplication Retreat* - Weekend focused on learning and practicing various evangelism tools and techniques
 - *Conflict Resolution Retreat* - Weekend focused on learning healthy techniques and methods for dealing with interpersonal conflict and practicing good communication skills
- **Additional Topical Trainings** - Before, during, and after Go Group, anywhere from one to five additional trainings may be offered. Heritage has many great leaders and content experts and it is the desire to leverage these training opportunities before going to the field.
- **Goer Gathering** - Extended weekend to gather with other 9-month communities from around the country for worship, encouragement, networking, and intensive training. Gathering will likely take place in early October with exact dates to be announced. Plan on a Friday night through Sunday afternoon, plus travel time to/from Houston, TX
- **Equipping Trip** - Upon identifying a team and field you would likely join, an equipping trip will be planned in order for you to meet the team and to discuss logistics, timing, and other details in preparation for your transition. The trip usually takes places sometime during the second semester of Go Group.

Application Process

1. Discuss desire to be involved in Go Group with Heritage Global Ministries leadership
 - a. Email go@hbclynchburg.com
2. Submit Go Group Application
3. Interview with Go Group/Global Ministries leadership
4. Receive invitation to Go Group, plus next steps



Go Group FAQ

Who should join a Go Group?

Go Groups are for people who have a heart for going to the unreached but need more training. We're looking for people who are planning to go overseas within the next one to two years and are willing to make this one of their highest priorities for the nine months. You will have to say no to other good opportunities in order to focus your energy and get the most out of Go Group.

I want to be a marketplace professional and not a traditional support raising global worker. Can I still participate in a Go Group?

Yes! Whether you hope to be a traditional church planter raising all of your support or to go as a marketplace professional, you are welcome. Most important is that you love the gospel, have a desire to make reproducing disciples, and have a passion to live and serve among the unreached.

Why should someone go through a Go Group?

To learn how to live a missional lifestyle in community here that we want to reproduce in the unreached peoples there. We also spend time deconstructing what we already know to make the Bible, not our culture, our authority for all that we will do when we go.

I am interested in going overseas, but not sure if I will be going in the next three years. Is a Go Group for me?

Talk with the Global Ministries team. They will be able to discern if it's a good fit for you.

Should I be in a Go Group if I'm not sure where I'm going?

Many people that begin in a Go Group aren't exactly sure where they will go, but they have committed to go anywhere and do anything that God leads them to. They have put their "yes" on the table and are willing to let God put it on the map.

Can I raise support?

Participants are expected to continue working and should not be raising support for living expenses. However, financial support can be raised for one-time Go Group costs listed above.

Do I have to move?

Yes, participation in Go Group does require you to physically move into a new community. This requires sacrifice and planning but is a core component of this training season.