

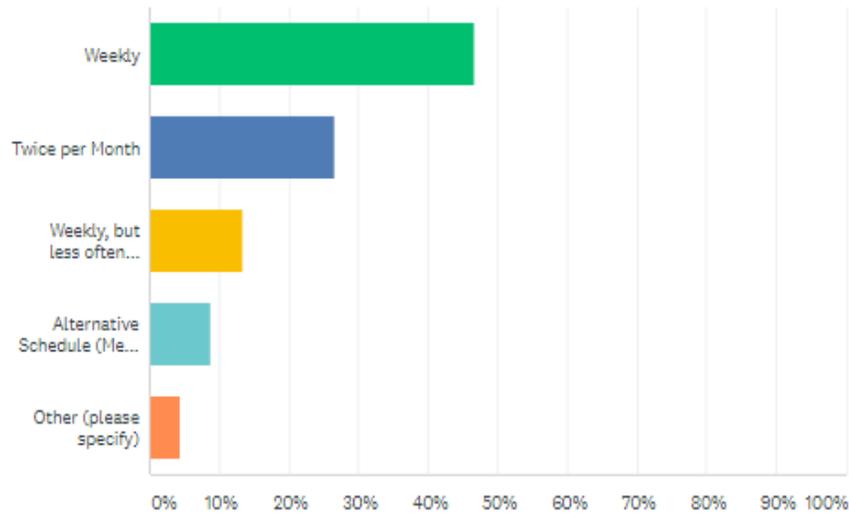
## New Life 2017 Small Group Survey Results

Thank you for your honesty, feedback and patience as we worked to read through the responses. We had 46 participants, which is pretty close to everybody. General takeaway - we are a healthy ABF, 70% rated satisfaction either 4 or 5 out of 5.

- Several themes throughout
  - Most prefer changes at a small group level rather than to the whole class
  - Clear that the primary purpose of small groups is a time for studying God's Word.
    - Class was pretty evenly split on ranking the other components: Prayer, Fellowship, and Mentor Relationships
- Things we are doing well:
  - 90% of class is in a small group, four couples are not that would like to be (if this is you please let me know how we can better serve you)
  - As I mentioned before, based on the survey small groups are doing well
  - Vast majority believe the current size of the small groups (5-8 couples) are good
  - Majority of respondents believe that meeting weekly is appropriate
    - About 27% preferred meeting twice a month.
- Suggestions for how we can improve small groups
  - Most common response was related to kids in small group, a couple things on this:
    - Earlier mentioned primary purpose of our small groups was overwhelmingly - a time to study God's Word. Very difficult to do this effectively and have discussions when your mind is distracted
    - Over 73% believe small groups should be a time apart from kids (either with a sitter at home or at the study location)
    - About 20% wanted their children nearby. Some comments raised the point that they like small group being a time of fellowship for the whole family together
    - It's been said a good rule of thumb is that a sitter needed when the kids become vocal and mobile
      - In talking to folks from each small group, there are different approaches that work well for some groups but may not for others, so I think it is best that we let each small group decide how to handle children in their small group. Just in general, I would encourage everyone to be gracious and considerate of others and act in unity in Christ.
  - Not really a consensus on how long small groups should stay together, so if this becomes an issue please bring it up to the teaching team.
  - Many thought provoking ideas were suggested including mixing up small groups every two years, rotating mentor couples, alternating nights of Men's and Women's studies.
    - We don't feel the feedback we received demanded any changes at this time, but please continue to communicate suggestions for ways we can improve small groups.
- We want to make this a regular feedback loop where we can encourage ideas, and suggestions for how we can improve small groups, Sunday mornings, topics to study, etc.

## How frequently would you like your small group to meet?

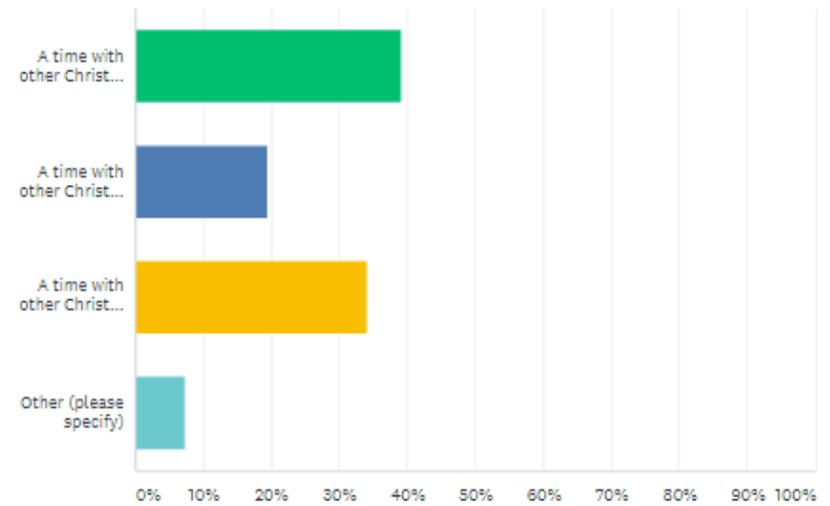
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Weekly	46.67% 21
Twice per Month	26.67% 12
Weekly, but less often during the summer	13.33% 6
Alternative Schedule (Men one night, Women one night, etc.)	8.89% 4
Other (please specify)	4.44% 2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45</b>

## Practically speaking, which sentence best describes your ideal small group experience?

Answered: 41 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
A time with other Christian adults apart from children.	39.02% 16
A time with other Christian adults with my children nearby.	19.51% 8
A time with other Christian adults with my kids watched by a group sitter at the small group host's home.	34.15% 14
Other (please specify)	7.32% 3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>41</b>