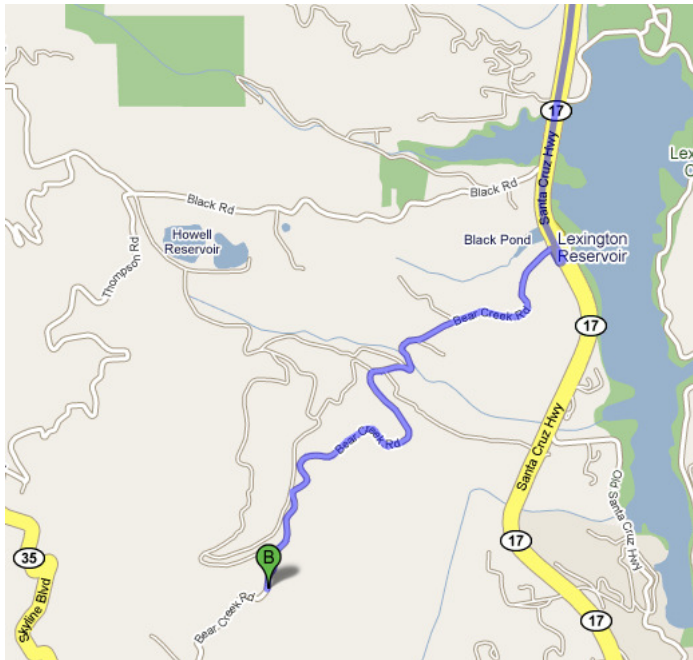


Details

- When: 7pm Friday May 15 – 8pm Saturday May 16
- Meals Included: Saturday Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner
- Cost: \$100 (pay what you are able – we also welcome scholarship contributions)
- What to bring: Bible, journal toiletries. Linens and towels provided by Presentation Center
- Directions:
- Take 17 S to Bear Creek Rd. Exit
 - L on Bear Creek Rd.
 - Presentation Center is on your left after 2.2 miles

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You are Invited!



**The River Church Community
Small Group Vision Retreat**

**May 15-16, 2009
Presentation Center, Los Gatos, CA**

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:42-47

Over the past ministry year, The Small Group staff and coaches have become increasingly convicted that the advancement of God's kingdom at The River will require small groups to take up their place at the heart of the church. Small groups must be a place where spiritual transformation is the norm like in the early church.

To realize this dream, we will need to wrestle with important questions:

- What is the biblical nature of small group leadership? What kind of commitment and skills are required? What sort of community and support must be available for small group leaders?
- How are people raised into small group leadership? How do I become a better leader?
- What is the biblical nature of small group participation? What responsibilities do members have besides showing up? How can I be a better small group member?
- How will we move beyond the safety of social support to the exhortation, encouragement, and admonition modeled in the Scriptures?
- What is the role of outreach and mission within small groups? Are they at the periphery or the core of small group life?

You have been invited to Presentation Center because we believe you are a key player in our small group community life.

You may have years of experience in ministry or you may be a brand new believer. But we need you to invest yourself in the vision of small groups in order for The River to be all that God intends for it to be.

If you have questions about this retreat, please feel free to contact your small group leader, coach, or any of the staff listed below:

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Please RSVP using this "TinyURL" link by Friday May 8:

<http://tinyurl.com/SGVRetreat09>

We Look Forward to Being With You!