


# Small Group Descriptions | Summer 2025

(In order from Sunday-Saturday)


To sign up for OPEN studies go to [naz.org/nextsteps](http://naz.org/nextsteps) to complete the form. If you need assistance please contact Meg at [meg.husted@naz.org](mailto:meg.husted@naz.org). \*\*Please note that studies are constantly changing and updating based on leaders and capacity. These details are subject to change. Staff or leaders will follow up with you after your sign up.

## Sunday

 Sermon and Bible Study on Sundays at 10:10: Larry Leutzinger will guide and facilitate discussion regarding the sermon and work through different books of the Bible. This group is **FULL** to new group members and meets year round. Larry would love to dig into the text with you!


No childcare provided but the nursery is open for kids 3 and under.

(Room 155)

 Sermon Study on Sundays at 10:10am: Vern would love to expand upon the text that is taught on Sunday mornings. He will be working through the “Unstoppable: a study of Acts” sermon series. This is a great way to engage more fully with teachings, ask questions and have life application discussion. Vern welcomes you to join any Sunday you are available. This group is **OPEN** to new group members and meets year round.


No childcare provided but the nursery is open for kids 3 and under.

(Room 153)

 The Gospel Project: Genesis to Revelation facilitated by Cyndi Lilleskov and Diane Curtis on Sundays after the first service (10:10ish). This study plan unites the big story and big truths of Scripture for everyone as we trace the good news of our Redeemer from Genesis to Revelation. *This spring/summer the curriculum will cover: Land and Loss: Joshua-1 Samuel beginning in April.* This group is **OPEN** to new members. There is a \$5 cost for materials per semester.

The nursery is open and available for children 0-3 years old. Please let Meg Husted know if you need additional child care following KidzRock programming in order to attend this study.

(Room 160)

 Gospel of John: Facilitated by Owen Brinker on Sundays from 2-3:30pm for 9 weeks beginning 2/23/25. This study will go verse by verse studying scripture and answering questions through meaningful discussion. Owen Brinker will use the People’s Bible to guide this group as he helps facilitate. This is a young adult group aimed at ages 16-22.

This group is **OPEN** to new members. There is no cost for materials and if you don't have your own Bible we can provide one for you!


No childcare is provided.

(Room 301)

Fox Life Group on every other Sunday at 6pm: Larry Fox leads this group through various studies. They are currently going through Rapture Ready by David Jeremiah. This group meets every other week and does meet during the summer. Breaks are based on the leader and group needs. Enjoy fellowship as well as good discussion regarding study materials. This group is **FULL** to new members.

No childcare provided


(Room 158)

 Carpenter Couple's Life group on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 6:30pm: Kay and Del help facilitate and organize this group while other members rotate facilitating discussion. This group has been meeting for many years. Members rotate hosting the group at their home. They are currently studying the book of Isaiah. This group is currently **FULL** and at capacity.

No childcare provided

(off-site)

## Monday

 Women's Life Group hosted and facilitated by Joyce Barbatti on Mondays at 8:30-9:30 am. Women gather to discuss the study and share in life. This semester they will be working through the Matchless series by Angie Smith. This group is currently **FULL** and at capacity.

No childcare is provided.

Naz RM 151

First Place for Health Women's Life Group on Monday mornings at 10:30 am is led by Sharon Britzman and Lana Hochreiter. This group is a Christ centered health program that emphasizes balance in the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual areas of life. As we learn to keep Christ first in our lives, we will find that He is the One who satisfies our hunger and our every need." There are many books in the series. This group is **OPEN** to new members.

No Childcare provided.


Naz RM 156

Relational Trauma Survivors Group facilitated by Alex Lueking and Sarah Wherry on the 2nd Monday of the month from 6-7:30pm. This group is for anyone hoping to improve

their relationships with self, God and others after having endured trauma and/or hardship in their personal relationships. Come see how God can redeem all our hurts and pains as we relearn to trust God and love life. This group is **OPEN** to new members. The discussion will be directed and based on rotating studies selected by the group.

Childcare is available.

(Room 158)

 Acts Sermon Series Group facilitated by Meg Husted on Mondays (bi-weekly) at 7pm beginning May 5. Pastor Tim and Pastor Mike will be leading us through a series called "**Unstoppable: a study of Acts**" beginning April 27. Acts gives us a beautiful narrative of how God's church was formed, the believers he inspired to lead and what he is still calling us to do TODAY!. A Bible study guide created by The Bible Recap, will be used for small groups and individual use. It is an accessible way to study scripture. For every week in the study book, Mike and Tim will take two Sundays to teach the material (approximately). This group is **OPEN** to new members.

No Childcare available.

Cost for materials is \$15

(Room 155)

## Tuesday

Men's Bible Study facilitated by Elton Green on Tuesdays at 6:30am. Elton has been walking men through the Bible for decades and enjoys opening the scriptures each Tuesday morning with this group sharing in prayer requests and treats. This group is currently **FULL** and is not able to take any new members at this time. This group meets year round with rotating discussion while going through a book of the Bible.


No childcare is provided

(off-site)

Hanson Life Group facilitated by Maureen Hanson on Tuesdays at 11:15am via ZOOM: Maureen helps lead discussion following a RightNow Media teaching or book that is read together. This life group is a mix of couples and singles. They have been meeting for several years and are **OPEN** to new group members. Participating via ZOOM has made it convenient for those that do a lot of traveling! Being a part of the body of Christ is needed no matter where you might be.


No childcare is provided

(ZOOM)

 Carpenter Women's Life Group on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 1:15pm: Kay Carpenter helps organize and facilitate this group that has been meeting for many years. This

group of women explore the Bible together, going from book to book. They are currently journeying through Isaiah. This life group celebrates and supports one another through prayer and community. This group is currently **FULL** and at capacity.


No childcare is provided  
(off-site/rotating)

 God of Covenant by Jen Wilkin facilitated by Tammy Bakken on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 7pm. Beginning with Genesis 12, walk alongside the fathers of our faith—Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph—to discern Jesus in the stories of his people. Over 10 sessions, discover how God orchestrates everything for his glory and the good of His people, and see how the God of creation and covenant is the same yesterday, today, and forever. This is an intergenerational women's group with a laid back/casual approach to discussion. This group is **OPEN** to new members and will begin April 8 through August 2025.


There is a cost for materials.

No childcare is provided  
(Room 156)

## Wednesday

 Men's Prayer Breakfast and Sermon Study hosted by Larry Steffens and facilitated by rotating pastors on Wednesdays at 6:30am. This life group is unique in that they pray, study, and sing! This group of men will occasionally pick a piece to sing on Sunday mornings. Worshiping together is so good. ALL men are invited to join in on the fellowship and discussion as the teaching pastors guides questions and discussion related to the upcoming Sunday sermon. This group is **OPEN** to new members and meets year round.

No childcare is provided  
(Room 160)

 Life of Christ facilitated by Andy Walser on Wednesdays at 12pm and Thursdays at 10:30am will start January 8 & 9, 2025. Have you ever wanted to look at the Life of Christ through the gospels and compare/contrast the narrative? Andy will walk you through this unique way of studying the scriptures. This group is **OPEN** and is a blend of couples and singles.

No childcare is provided  
(Room 151)

The Bible Recap facilitated by Darlene Imhoff on Wednesdays at 4pm (starting April 2025). The Bible Recap (TBR) follows a chronological Bible reading plan and is a short daily *recap* by creator and host, Tara-Leigh Cobble. She'll highlight and summarize that

day's Bible reading in a casual, easy to understand way. The Bible Recap comes in several forms—book, podcast, or video. Each day's Bible reading is approximately 12 minutes long and each recap is about 8 minutes long. This study is **FULL** to new members joining.

No Childcare is provided.


Naz RM 158

Acts Sermon Series Group facilitated by Lisa Arenholz & Meg Husted on Wednesdays (bi-weekly) at 6pm beginning May 7. Pastor Tim and Pastor Mike will be leading us through a series called "**Unstoppable: a study of Acts**" beginning April 27. Acts gives us a beautiful narrative of how God's church was formed, the believers he inspired to lead and what he is still calling us to do TODAY!. A Bible study guide created by The Bible Recap, will be used for small groups and individual use. It is an accessible way to study scripture. For every week in the study book, Mike and Tim will take two Sundays to teach the material (approximately). This group is **OPEN** to new members.

Childcare is available.

Cost for materials is \$15

(Room )

 Gifts facilitated by Meg Husted on Wednesdays at 7:15p-8:15 will meet for 5 weeks for female students going into 7th-9th grade in the 2025-2026 school year (June 4, 18, 25, July 9 & 16). Too many believers feel that in order to serve in the church, you have to be part of some elite team of super Christians. This couldn't be further from the truth. The reality is, if you've placed your faith in Jesus, you have been given gifts that are designed to be used to serve God. EVERY believer is gifted. The question is, how has the Holy Spirit gifted you? And how can you put your gifts to work for God's kingdom? This study will help you find answers to these questions and more! There is sure to be laughs and great discussion. This study is **OPEN** to new members joining.

Cost for materials is \$10

(Naz Coffee Shop)

## Thursday

GATHER Bible Study facilitated by Terri DeHoff is a long running women's Life group that generally meets the 2nd Thursday of the month. (there are some variations to this schedule so please touch base with Terri first!) These ladies create a space for relational discussion, supporting each other through life's ups and downs, supporting ministry partners such as Kits and Quilts and prayer shawl ministry, and share responsibilities (as able) with facilitating the study discussion. They are currently using the ELCA Gather magazine to guide discussion. This group is currently **FULL**. ALL women of Nazareth to get connected by joining this monthly group. Please email Meg at

[meg.husted@naz.org](mailto:meg.husted@naz.org) if you are interested in getting on a waitlist as we assess the ability to create a second group.

No Childcare is provided.

(Room 158)

Calling all Mama Bears! Join us for a summer study on reading and studying Mama Bear Apologetics: Guide to Sexuality by Hillary Morgan Ferrer and facilitated by Meg Husted on Thursdays at 9:30a-10:45a. This book aims to encourage parents to raise their children to value God's design. Starting at young ages, kids are being told a lot of information about sexuality and all related ideas. As a parent, it's up to you to help your children understand God's truth about these integral concepts in the face of what the world tells us today. God's standards remain clear and unchanging. This book/study will help give you the wisdom to confidently raise your children to understand sex and gender through a biblical lens. This group is **OPEN** to moms with kids of any age. Meeting dates: June 5, 12, 19, 26, July 10, 17, 31 and August 14.


Deadline to sign up is May 23.

Childcare provided.

Cost for materials is \$20 (There is a study guide available and can be purchased on your own for deeper study.)

Gateway Park (large pavilion)


## Saturday

 Prail Men's Life Group facilitated by Dave Prail on Saturdays at 7:30 AM. While digging into God's word, enjoy fellowship with other men across generations. This group is **OPEN** to new attendees.

No Childcare is provided.

(Room 160)

## Independent Study

 The Bible Recap organized by Meg Husted. This group will be virtual and independent study. Group members will download the YouVersion Bible app and be invited to join the group. Group members will make comments/questions within the app as they work through the study. Dates for fellowship will be identified as the group is able/interested. This group is to help provide accountability and support while working through this study. This group is **OPEN** to new members.

No Childcare is provided.

(virtual)