

Grouplink FAQ's

How do I pick which Grouplink event to attend?

First, determine at which campus you will attend Grouplink (Spring Lake Park or White Bear Lake).

- If you attend Lino Lakes on the weekend, please attend Grouplink at White Bear Lake.
- If you attend Blaine on the weekend, please attend Grouplink at Spring Lake Park.

Then, determine what type of group you are looking for.

- If you and your spouse are looking for a married group, please register for Married Couples Grouplink at your campus.
- If you are looking for a Women's or Men's group, register for Men's/Women's/Singles Grouplink.
- If you are single adult, you have the choice to join a Singles only group or a Women's or Men's group. Please register for the Men's/Women's/Singles Grouplink.

What happens at Grouplink?

The Ministry Development Team at Eagle Brook has worked on revamping Grouplink to make it the best possible experience for everyone who attends.

When you arrive at Grouplink, you check-in in the lobby, at which point you'll receive a list of all the open groups that are available for you to join as well as a 'What to Expect' card for the evening.

From there, you'll be directed into the Grouplink Room (the Lower Worship Center at WBL & the Corner House Worship Center at SLP) to get some food and find a table to sit at. Tables will be grouped based around stage of life for Married Couples Grouplink and around gender plus stage of life for Men's/Women's/Singles Grouplink.

After a brief welcome, you'll have the opportunity to meet people in your stage of life through a structured mingling time. There will also be a more free-flowing mingle time, where you'll have a chance to mingle with the Group Leaders that are represented that night.

The next portion of the event is the formation of groups. We will help you form a group with people you connected with earlier during the meet/mingle time. The night will conclude with your group spending some time getting to know one another.

How are groups formed at Grouplink?

We let you decide who you want to be in a group with - we don't assign you in groups prior to coming. Once you're at Grouplink, you'll have the opportunity to mingle with people in your similar life-stage through a structured mingling time as well as some open mingling time. The goal for the structured mingling time is for you to connect with some people you would potentially like to be in a group with. During the open mingling time, we recommend talking to

the leaders that are there to see if their group would be a good fit (they will have leader t-shirts on). After mingling time, we will help you form groups.

Is childcare provided at Grouplink?

Childcare is not provided at Grouplink.

What is the difference between Grouplink and a small group?

Grouplink is a two-hour event that you attend to join a small group. Small groups are made up of roughly 4-5 married couples or 8-10 individuals who meet in someone's home, in a coffee shop, or another location to help one another grow in their faith and study God's word together.

What if I attend Grouplink but have a hard time finding a group to join?

Be flexible! Chances are you won't find a group that meets every specification you want. Be open to a group that seems to fit but may require a bit of flexibility (whether that means driving a little further than you had planned or tweaking your schedule to meet on a different night). The more flexible you are, the better chance you will have at connecting with a group. If you don't find a group that works, a Host Team volunteer (in a black t-shirt) will give you a card as you leave that will have some other ways of connecting to a group so that you don't need to wait for the next Grouplink.

What if I don't feel like I connect well with the group I joined?

Give it time. It is common for it to take awhile before a group really starts bonding. Someone you never thought you would be in a group with may end up becoming one of your closest friends! Give your group a chance and see how God can work through it. If after your initial first six weeks you still don't feel like it's a good fit, let your Group Leader know that and we'll help you find another group to connect with.

What if I can't make it to Grouplink?

If you can't make it to the upcoming Grouplink, browse our open small groups online! Go to <http://groups.eaglebrookchurch.com> > join a small group > group finder.