



ADVANCE

Need for an Advance Group

Meeting together monthly with like-minded people encourages us and helps us grow in proclaiming the gospel. People with a special passion and gifting for the gospel often feel isolated, lonely, and confused about how to live into that calling. We may also struggle to stay fresh or keep growing in our souls and skills of evangelism. Often, we can feel we don't naturally fit in churches and ministries.

Vision of Advance Groups

An Advance Group provides community for gospel-passionate people and a place to grow in their callings as evangelists. Group members pray for each other, learn, and discuss the biblical gift of the evangelist. As a result, many will identify themselves as gifted evangelists and grow in developing their gift to serve the Church.

Over the course of one year, we will focus on five core-characteristics of an evangelist

- **Bible-Teaching Evangelists:** Know the Gospel deeply
- **Prayerful Evangelists:** Act in the Spirit's power
- **Accountable Evangelists:** Live a holy life
- **Committed Evangelists:** Be intentional in the task
- **Inspirational Evangelists:** Stir the church to witness

Principles of Advance Groups

- **Regular Meeting:** Members make it a priority to meet monthly (90 min.) for one year
- **Sharpening:** Commitment to studying the Bible on the gospel and the gift of the evangelist
- **Accountability:** Members must open, vulnerable, and teachable with honest self-evaluation in character and skills
- **Communicating:** Staying connected between meetings (texts, emails, etc.) ensures the group supports each other as a community of evangelists
- **Multiplying:** Being open to starting your own Advance Group (while continuing in the original group)

IS IT FOR ME?

Whether you have opportunities to preach from a platform or are passionate about reaching those you encounter every day, these three simple questions will help you decide whether starting (or joining) an Advance group is for you.

FAITH Do you have faith that the Gospel has lost none of its power, and is the only way by which a person can know true life and salvation?

CLARITY Do you desire to communicate the Gospel with clarity, whether through personal conversations or preaching from a platform?

INVITATION Do you long for opportunities to offer an invitation to receive the hope of the Gospel, and see people move into eternal relationship with Jesus?

If you can answer "yes" to those questions, then gather others who can also say "yes" and use the Advance Group Mentoring Guide to begin the journey together of becoming serious and sharpened in your evangelism.