

January

Ever noticed how resolutions are so much easier to stick to when you've got your squad cheering you on? That's the magic of small groups – your go-to place in the church where you get all the pep talks, gentle nudges, and a bit of tough love to keep those commitments intact.

Sure, we know the top-notch resolutions for us church goers involve spiritual stuff like diving into the Bible, carving out quiet time, or kicking some sinful habits to the curb. But here's the thing – many folks still think they've got to solo-pilot these resolutions. Not according to the Bible, though! The New Testament paints a picture of spiritual growth happening right smack in the middle of a community – supporting, motivating, confessing, and praying for one another.

Picture this: in a cozy small group with loads of love and accountability, Christians can sail through their resolutions all year long. Compare that to the lone wolves who often throw in the towel by February. Now, what about our non-church friends or neighbors? Turns out they're making spiritual resolutions too, and they need a crew to back them up. Enter the Great Commission Small Group – the ultimate squad for anyone on a journey to find God.

Small groups are the heartbeat of connections, care, and shared victories. No one's left hanging; everyone's got everyone's back. It's a place where committing to grow spiritually isn't a solo mission. It's a team effort!

Here's a fun idea for your January small group meet-up: spill the beans on your New Year's resolutions, especially the spiritual growth ones. Then, brainstorm how the gang can tag-team to make those resolutions stick. Think accountability partners, cheeky accountability questions, loads of encouragement, prayers, confessions, and a sprinkle of wisdom.

Let's pledge this year to be the folks who help others find that awesome group where they can grow in their connection with God, all wrapped up in a vibe of real, life-boosting community. It's a promise worth making – and totally worth keeping!