Meeting Date
November 8, 2026

Oasis Life Group – Introductory Session

- **Welcome**
  - Thanks to all for attending today in this initial session of the Oasis Life Group
  - Logistics/housekeeping (internet, outline, email list, restrooms, parking)
  - Teresa and David Bolme Introductions
  - Quick intros of the individuals attending and what they hope to experience from the group
  - Statement of intent for this group – "Providing a safe place to hear and discuss relevant topics through the lens of a Biblical worldview so we may mature in our walk with the Lord"
  - Commitments to the group
  - Foundational principles
- **Gathering Framework**
  - Greet and Graze – informal and optional time of fellowship - **9:30-10:00**
  - Bible-based topical presentation - Intent for interaction – **10:00-11:00**
  - Prayer Requests and Lingering – **11:00**
  - Bible references are from the New American Standard Bible (NASB)
  - Parking Lot for questions needing more discussion
  - No honest question is a bad question
- **Weekly Topic: Community of Faith**
  - Opening Prayer
  - ***Q: When you hear the word "church", what comes to mind?***
  - Church – Greek word for "church" is ekklēsia - "assembly" or "called-out gathering"
  - Does not require formal buildings and professional Christians – example of the first New Testament Jesus Followers - **Acts 2:42** "They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."
  - The Apostle Paul, speaking to the Jewish converts of the time, seems concerned these believers were at risk of losing something important
    - Hebrews 10:24–25 "and let's consider how to encourage one another in love and good deeds, not abandoning our own meeting together, as is the habit of some people, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.
  - ***Q: Why do you think Paul was encouraging the believers to meet? What do you think he would say to believers today?***
  - Following Jesus is intended to be done in community – living life together
    - Many benefits, both practical and spiritual: Mutual Encouragement and Perseverance, The Unique Presence of Christ, Accountability and Burden-Bearing, Using Spiritual Gifts, Protection Against Isolation
  - The community of believers can be a powerful testimony for others
    - **John 13:34-35** – "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."
  - ***Q: What does it mean to "Love one another"? How did Jesus love them/us?***
  - ***Q: Why is it important for everyone to know you are a follower of Jesus?***
- **Close**
  - Closing Prayer
  - Transition to Prayer Requests and Lingering