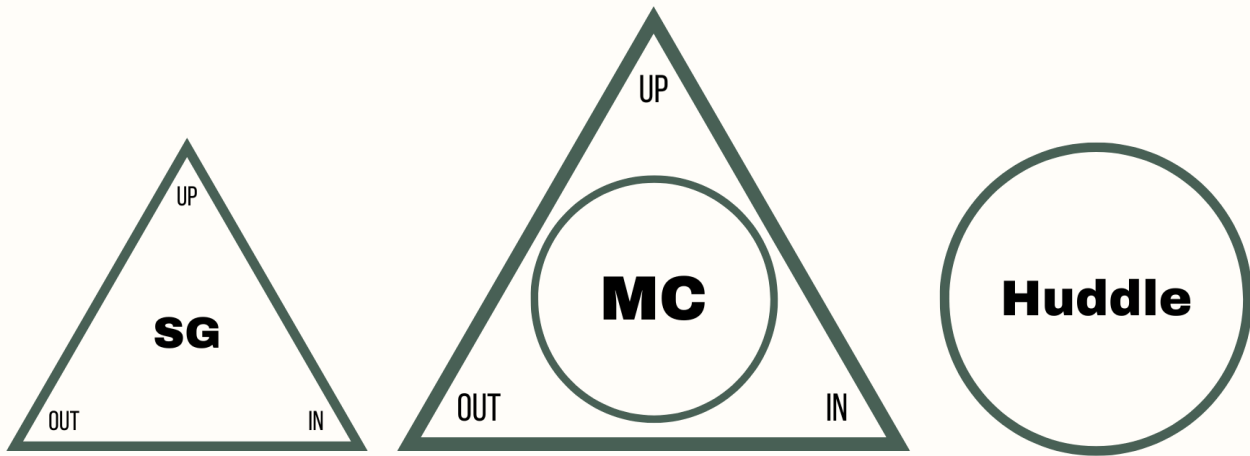


3 Types of Groups



At LEMC, we run 3 types of groups: Small Groups (SG), Missional Communities (MC) and Huddles.

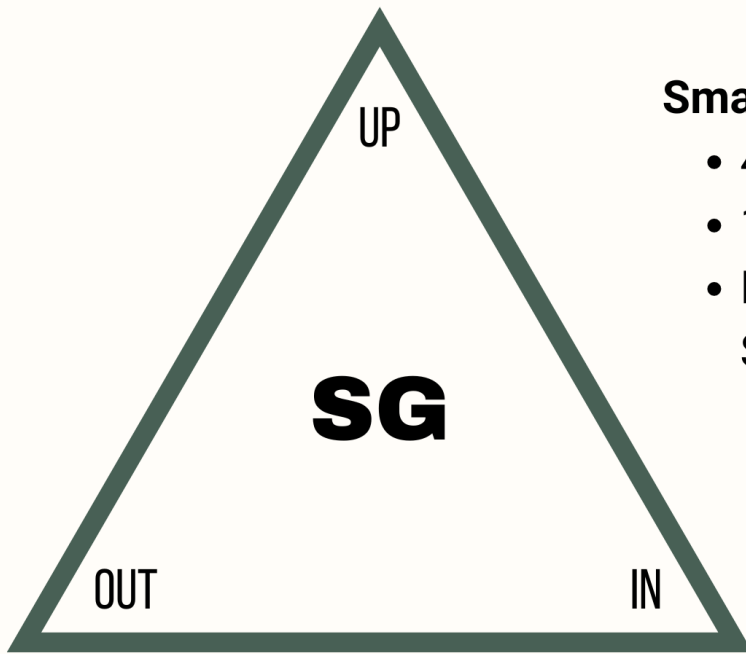
Each of the 3 types serve a special purpose, contributing to our calling to follow Jesus, in relationship with others, on mission to make disciples.

IF YOU WANT TO JOIN A GROUP: You are invited to join any of the open groups, which you will find available on the website! This document, as well as the video, will help you better understand the purpose behind groups at LEMC. Our Small Groups and Missional Communities aren't all labelled as one or the other, because their purpose is so similar, but our Huddles are labelled clearly. Feel free to explore whatever group most interests you!

IF YOU WANT TO LEAD A GROUP: This document, as well as the video, will help you discover what type of group you might want to start. Use the "Start a Group" form, to give shape to what you are thinking for the group you hope to start! It will help you think through your idea through the lens of our vision for groups at LEMC. We are excited to help you lead and grow as a disciple-maker!

Explaining Each Type:

Small Groups (SG)

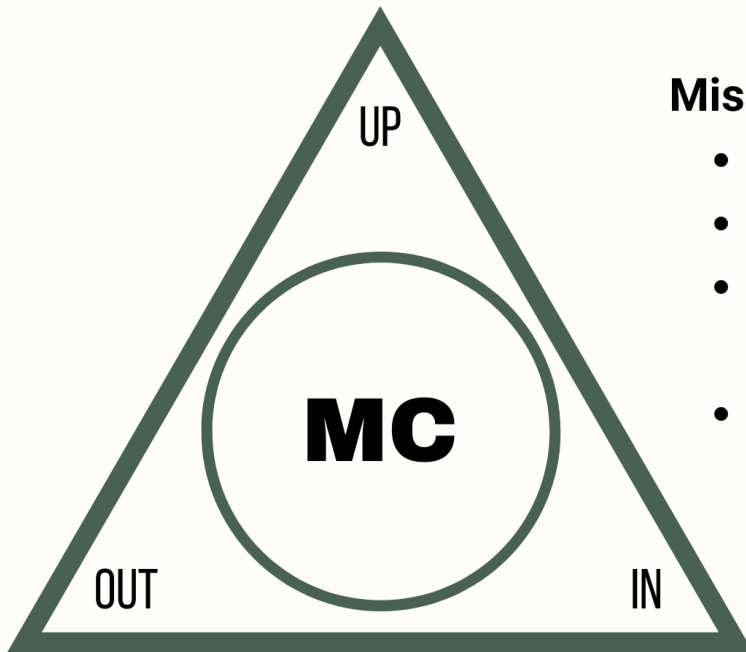


Small Groups:

- 4-10 people
- 1-4 leaders
- Multiply by launching a new SG, or becoming an MC

Small Groups are for people to belong and grow as disciples of Jesus, through practicing Up, In and Out rhythms together. *Up* is about engaging with God together, *In* is about everyone connecting and contributing in the group, and *Out* is about impacting or inviting in non-Christians. Small Groups multiply by mentoring new group leaders, and launching some leaders to lead a new group, or by building a team of leaders and growing into a larger type of group called a Missional Community.

Missional Communities (MC)



Missional Communities:

- 10-50 people
- 4-8 leaders
- Sometimes include SGs as part of their gatherings
- Multiply by launching a new group or becoming a church

Missional Communities are a lot like small groups, where people belong and grow through practicing Up, In and Out rhythms together, but they are larger and are designed to impact a certain demographic of people (ie. youth, Spanish-speaking, moms with toddlers, certain neighbourhood, etc). Due to their size, they are typically higher energy than small groups, and often this allows newcomers to feel more comfortable when they first join. Time in smaller groups may be part of an MC gathering, to allow for closer conversation and connection with a few, but not always. MC's multiply by mentoring new group leaders in the leadership team, and launching a new group.

Huddles



Huddle

Huddles:

- For current or future leaders
- 4-8 people
- 1 huddle leader
- Multiply as members lead and disciple others

Huddles are for current or future group leaders, to develop them as disciples, missionaries and disciple-makers. They have a high emphasis on transformation and multiplication, expecting everyone in the group to be growing and learning how to disciple others. They often run for a set amount of time in order to accomplish a certain goal together, but sometimes they run for longer (1-2 years). Huddle leaders are typically leaders with experience with mission and disciple-making, who are able to speak into the opportunities and challenges their group members are facing.