

Lighthouse Community Church Small Group
Policies and Protections for Children

Lighthouse Community Church (LCC) is committed to providing a supportive and caring service environment. Galatians 3:13-14 tells us “For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”

In order to foster such an environment for children and parents, the following policies must be observed during all small group ministry meetings where children are present:

1. **Never alone rule.**

No adult is ever allowed to be with a minor alone unless that person is the child’s parent/guardian. There are absolutely no exceptions to this rule.

2. **Child supervision.**

Children should always be supervised. How that is applied may vary from small group to small group and will be left to the wisdom and discretion of the leaders. Here are some potential ideas:

a. **Have a clear line of sight and immediate accessibility.**

Make sure that there is always a clear line of sight and immediate accessibility to the children so that children are supervised while in session. Be mindful of any “blind corners.”

b. **Have a rotation of adult supervision.**

If children are in a different room that does not provide a clear line of sight or accessibility, have a rotation of 2 adults from 2 different families who will serve as adult supervision for that week so that: (1) There is accountability and; (2) It allows opportunity for the small group members to practice serving