

A Possible Schedule For Your First Meeting

First, allow people plenty of time to arrive, talk, and snack.

- Start the time together by having everyone introduce themselves and share what they do, where they are from, and why they decided to join the group.
- Have them share what they hope to experience in being a part of this group specifically... and/or lead an icebreaker game.
*ex.: Have everyone tell 3 things about themselves, 2 being true and 1 being false. Have everyone else try to guess which one is false. *Other icebreakers are listed on the resource page.*
- Discuss Expectations: Talk about what to expect for this upcoming semester during group. What you'll study: sermon study guide, scripture or topic. Details about childcare, etc.
- Talk about group outreach/serving opportunities.
- Ask the question, "What do you hope to gain in being a part of this Group?"
- Discuss your commitment to the group.
- Discuss the commitment for participants (The Group Participant Covenant can be found on the Resource page. If you would like to use this you can print out copies for each of your group members. This is recommended, but not an obligation). Every person in the group matters. The group's success depends on all participants commitment to the group.

Ask for volunteers to fill different roles within the group:

Co-facilitator:	Group participants who will carry the load of facilitating once a month or every other week.
Serving Coordinator:	Group participants who are passionate about serving and can help plan group outings to serve in the community.
Prayer Coordinator	Group participants who encourage prayer requests every week, keep up with the prayers of the group, and organize the big prayer gathering for the semester.
Event/Hospitality Coordinator	Group participants who plan and organize all group activities and help set the hospitality from week to week.

Share prayer requests and pray together then close group on time.

