

Small Group Meeting Guideline



MAN TO MAN

Gather for a meal or a snack. Let the group members just talk and check on each other, asking questions like, “How are you doing?” “How was your week?” etc. As the group deepens relationships, the questions will get deeper and more familiar. The idea is to break the ice and get your members interacting with one another.

If your group does NOT meet for a meal/snack, you’ll need to spend some time in your group to break the ice. You might even need to use an ice-breaker question, at first, just to get people talking.

If anyone is struggling, take this time to pray for them.

Look Back

Check-up from the previous week (NEVER SKIP). Ask questions like, “How have you applied what you learned last week?” “How did you do with the assignment God gave you last week?” “Did you get to share your story or the gospel with anyone this week?”

Other questions to consider:

- Did you accomplish your goals from last week/month?
- What have been your greatest challenges? How did you deal with those challenges?
- What do you believe is working well in your life?

Vision (NEVER SKIP). Share a portion of HCF’s vision (refer to the Welcome brochure) to remind people of what we’re all about at HCF – Making disciples who live & love like Jesus.

MAN TO GOD

Look Up

Choose a passage of Scripture, or a bible story or lesson. Instruct your members to ask God to teach you what He wants you to learn from this passage. Read and discuss it together.

Ask questions like:

- What is this passage saying?
- What does it mean?
- How do I apply it to my life?

Look Forward

Look at the passage again. This time ask, “Is there an assignment you feel the Holy Spirit is leading you to work on from this passage?” “How will you apply this?”

Give them a bit of time to ponder and pray. Pray that God will enlighten them. Encourage them to write down what impressions they are receiving from the Holy Spirit, and to consider those things as their assignment for the coming week.

Ask them to share their “assignment.”

Other questions to consider:

- What are your highest priorities for this week/month?
- What are your plans to help you grow in Christ?
- How can we help you this week/month?
- Do we have any plans as a group to reach out into new and different areas or ministries?

MAN TO THE WORLD

Wrap things up with prayer. Pray for every member individually. Ask God to prepare the hearts of the people who will hear about Jesus this week. Ask God to give you all the strength to follow Him and be obedient to His leading.

From Pastor Mike:

There are two main reasons for me to give out these packets.

- I want to see every disciple become a discipler, every home to become a training center, and every small group to be a missions organization.
- I would like to see everybody in our church be able to do five things.
 - Share their testimony (refer to “Sharing Your Faith Story” sheet)
 - Share the gospel (Refer to “Circle Evangelism”)
 - Pray continually for their home, neighbors, region, nation, & world. (Refer to “Prayer Wheel”)
 - To be a missions minded minister (refer to “The Mission of HCF” brochure)
 - To be led by the Holy Spirit (refer to “Be Led by the Spirit” sheets)

As you can see, in this packet, we have put supplemental information to help you have insight toward accomplishing these goals.

The “Group Life Dynamics” pages is to give you insight about why we lead groups the way we do, for the optimum effect.

Any questions? Please contact me at 330-853-1224