

Starter Study #1

Goal: To get to know each other and begin creating a safe space to share hearts and pursue Jesus together.

Agenda: You might ask . . .

- Tell us about your family background (parents, siblings, etc.)? Do you currently have a family of your own (single, married, children, etc.)? Where are you from? What's brought you to the Bay Area? What do you do vocationally? What does your average week consist of? Are you enjoying it?
- Describe your ideal day off. How do you like to spend your free time? What fills your tank? Why do you think?
- What's your all-time favorite movie? Why do you like it so much? What about a book? Do people even read anymore?!
- Describe your relationship with Jesus? Are you skeptical? If so, what do you find so hard to believe? Are you searching? If so, why does Jesus seem intriguing to you? Are you a Christian? If so, describe how you came to trust him.
- If you're a part of Mercy Hill Church, how long have you been with us? What initially drew you to the church?
- If you had to pick a life verse—one that's really meant a lot to you since coming to Christ—what would it be? Why? How has God used it to shape you for him?
- How do you feel like you are doing in your walk with Jesus right now? What's been good? What's been hard?
- How do you hope God will use this group in your life?

Homework: Before the next meeting, encourage everyone to read pages 7-41 of the *Pursue Discipleship* booklet¹ (or perhaps listen to the first two sermons in the *Introducing and Multiplying DNA Groups* sermon series²). Let them know that you plan to discuss the questions found in the booklet so they can come prepared.

¹ Find a hard copy at the Next Steps Table at the back of the Sanctuary on Sundays or download it online here: <https://storage1.snappages.site/52HRWH/assets/files/Pursue-Discipleship-Booklet-Electronic-F-74.pdf>.

² Listen online at <https://bit.ly/4u0XlIC>.

Starter Study #2

Goal: (1) To help your group members understand what a DNA Group is and how it fits into God's larger plan of discipleship and growth in grace; (2) To finalize your vision for the group going forward.

Agenda:

- Look through the *Pursue Discipleship* booklet and ask any of the questions that seem relevant/significant to you and your group.
- Discuss the items on The Starter Checklist³ and together finalize your vision for the group going forward.

³ See Part 5 of the Facilitator Manual.