



CG LEADER GUIDE (AUG 16-22)

Welcome Party

Before the Meeting

- For your first meeting of the semester, consider planning something special to celebrate (special food, location: (beach bonfire/restaurant/someone's backyard, etc.).
- Make sure to message everyone to remind of meeting times/location, other important details.
- Meet as a leadership team to pray for the meeting and this semester before the meeting!

Welcome

GOAL: Meet one another, and get more comfortable as a group. Also, remind everyone of group's purpose, structure and expectations of members.

- Welcome everyone and enjoy a meal together with an icebreaker discussion question, or play a quick icebreaker game.
- Share: 1. Mission of CG: To grow to live and love like Jesus, while leading others to do the same. 2. What To Expect: meeting location(s), start/end times, how we communicate (MC App, text, GroupMe), meeting format, etc. 3. Group Policies: Confidentiality, respect (different viewpoints /opinions), everyone is welcome (no matter what you believe or how long you have been following Jesus; the group is for everyone/anyone interested in learning more about Jesus).

Discussion

Give members an opportunity to share and process how God is moving. Here are some suggested discussion topics:

- If you could describe your summer in one word, what would it be, and why?
- What has been encouraging you in your faith recently?
- Is there a Scripture, sermon, book, or worship song that has especially impacted you lately?
- What has been one challenge or struggle you've faced spiritually this summer?
- If you could grow in one of the 7 Core Practices (or another spiritual practice) this fall, what would it be?
- What is one specific thing you can do to help achieve that goal, and how can this CG help you?
- Is there anything that tends to keep you from fully engaging in a small group such as this? How can we help one another overcome those obstacles?
- What commitments can we make to one another that will help this be a safe, authentic, Christ-centered group?
- How do we want to serve our city this semester?
- Is there at least one person that you are consistently praying for, encouraging, and investing in their faith journey? If not, pray for God to bring 1 person into your life that you can be pouring into this fall.
- How can we be praying for YOU this week?

After The Meeting

- Send a note thanking each person for coming and invite back to next week's meeting (with details).
- Meet with your team to debrief/evaluate how the first meeting of the semester went, ways to improve, and to plan for your next meeting(s).