

- ▶ A facilitator helps to schedule meetings and helps the group in the process of celebrating how God is working, sharing what God is teaching us in the Word, communicating prayer needs, praying, and encouraging one another.
- ▶ Never give the impression that you know all the answers! It's more important to know where to find answers!



What happens in DP Group??

- ▶ Invite the group to share how they are seeing God at work.
- ▶ Invite the group to share what God is teaching them from the Word.
- ▶ Invite the group to share prayer needs and spend time praying together.
- ▶ Be intentional at offering encouragement and support to one another



What are the personal expectations to be in DP Group?

- ▶ Commit to a daily personal time in the Word and prayer. Consider the Canvas Bible Reading Plan as a tool to help your group walk through the same Scripture together.
- ▶ Commit to meeting with your group for about 60 to 90 minutes every week.
- ▶ Commit to being attentive to how God is working around you so that you can respond to His activity and celebrate with your group.
- ▶ Uphold an atmosphere of confidentiality, honest and transparency within your group.
- ▶ Pray for and with your group.



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- ▶ 3-6 people including the facilitator is best.
- ▶ DP Groups are CLOSED groups. Another person could be invited as long as there was space and the group agreed to add another person.
- ▶ The CLOSED groups allow for more accountability, deeper and sincere prayer concerns and intimate conversation.
- ▶ The groups are gender-specific so, although couples should pray together, this allows opportunity for men to share with men and women to women.



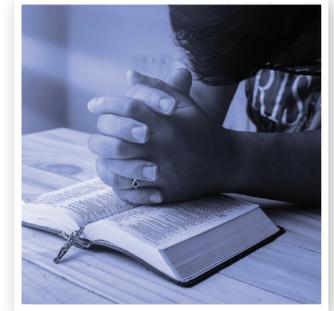
Where and when do we meet?

- ▶ The Facilitator will help find a weekly time that will work for all schedules.
- ▶ Anytime of the day and any day of the week will work.
- ▶ Select a place that is convenient to all group members
- ▶ Many groups might want to meet in homes, restaurants, parks, the beach or a coffee shop.



How to start a DP Group

- ▶ Ask God to show you who to invite to your DP Group.
- ▶ Approach those individuals God has put on your heart and ask them to be part of the group. You might ask something like "Would you like to get together each week with a few other believers to celebrate how God is working, share what God is teaching us in the Word, communicate prayer needs, pray, and encourage one another?"
- ▶ After the group is formed, covenant with each other to be committed and accountable to one another for a specific season of time. We would recommend at least 90 days to as long as one year.



Who should be in your DP Group?

- ▶ Mature Believers will help us multiple and develop new groups.
- ▶ New Believers benefit greatly from connecting with other believers.
- ▶ Multi-Generation believers can all share together to enrich the spiritual lives of all.
- ▶ Though uncommon, not yet believers hearing us celebrating how God is working, sharing what God is teaching us in the Word, communicating prayer needs, praying, and encouraging one another could have a significant impact on their spiritual journey.
- ▶ Struggling Believers (like most of us!) will benefit from the loving accountability of DP-Groups.



How do I lead a DP Group?

- ▶ Leading a DP Group does not require being a master teacher; a perfect Christian or spiritual guru. The only requirement is that you are intentionally pursuing Christ