

Community Group Discussion Guide

This guide is just a suggestion to help you think through structuring your group time.

RELATIONAL TIME:

Church is a family, so we care about each other's lives and want to catch up each week on life and our walks with the Lord. (Consider sharing a meal/snacks.)

(Suggested time: 30 minutes)

1. Highs: What was one good thing from the past week that brought you joy that you can celebrate and thank God for?
2. Lows: What was one hard thing from the past week?
3. What have your spiritual rhythms with the Lord been like this week? What has he been saying to you through his Word? What have you continually found yourself talking with him about in prayer? What is one way you want to be more intentional with him in the coming week?
4. What is something coming up in the near future that you are excited about or anxious about?
5. Where is there a need in the group that we need to help meet and care for together?

MISSIONAL TIME:

We want to help each other be intentional about living on mission and not drift from that intentionally reaching others for Jesus. This time helps keep our focus outward.

(Suggested time: 10-15 minutes)

1. Who are people in your life who don't yet follow Jesus that you are burdened for? *(Keep a list of these names to be praying for regularly as a group.)*
2. Has there been any positive movement with any of them, or are there upcoming opportunities with them that we can be praying about?
3. Spend some time praying for a select few of the names each week.
4. Also, when/how might our group plan to serve a need outside of the group?

PRAYER:

(Suggested Time: 5-15 Minutes)

Pray based on the shared "highs," "lows," care needs, and missional discussion.

CONTENT DISCUSSION TIME:

In order to grow in love for God and to live obediently as disciples of Jesus, we must know and obey his Word. This time is about “facilitating” discussion, not teaching a sermon.

(Suggested Time: 30 minutes)

Discuss God’s Word, Sermon notes, Christian books, or Right Now Media content using open-ended questions and phrases like: “What did you notice?” “Elaborate.” “What was one thing that stuck out to you from this section?”

Further guides to discuss God’s Word, book recommendations, and Right Now Media access can be found at Group Leader Central:

General Questions for any passage of Scripture or sermon:

1. God: What does this passage teach us about God?
2. Man: What does this passage teach us about fallen, sinful humanity? (*Things we struggle with, etc.*)
3. Obey: How do we need to obey based on this passage?

APPLICATION:

The point of discussing God’s Word is to grow as disciples who are “doers” of the Word and not just “hearers.” In our groups, we want to prioritize helping each other move toward actual concrete heart and life application and obedience that works itself into our daily lives. We don’t just want to “study” in a way that doesn’t change what we love and how we live.

Key Questions: What are some practical ways this should affect our everyday lives? What one thing has the Holy Spirit highlighted for you as a step of obedience? And what are you going to do about it?

Pray: What are a couple of things we should pray for ourselves and for our group based on this passage? Pray for the Holy Spirit’s help in walking out obedience.