

Meeting Template

Have an idea of how much time you want each section to take so that you know how to move things along; the bulk of the time should be spent on the discussion questions

Small Talk/Catching Up

- Don't underestimate the importance of just talking. But don't let it go on too long; there will be plenty of time to talk during the meeting time.

Prayer

- Open with prayer specifically for the meeting time.
 - Maybe have a different person pray each time, but you model the prayer the first time.

Discussion

- Go through group material
- For the last five minutes of meeting:
 - In your journal/notebook, write down big takeaways/big ideas about yourself or things you heard from others. Or simply summarize what you said about yourself. If there's time, those who want can share what they wrote with the group.
 - Write down one way the group can be praying for you specifically based on something related to that day's content.

Prayer

- Share the prayer request you wrote down.
 - Please stick to the request you wrote down in your journal. It's tempting for prayer request time to become about sharing every single struggle and challenge you have. If there is something particularly challenging you are going through, a one-on-one conversation might be more appropriate. Otherwise "prayer request" time can dominate the entire time and turn the time of discipleship into counseling or turn the time into actually being about ourselves.
- Close with prayer for one another about the above requests.
 - You could split the group into two to pray for one another as well.

Prepare for next meeting

- Look at what's coming up and make sure everyone is clear on what to do before the next meeting (if applicable)
- Make sure everyone is clear about the next meeting place and time.