

Facilitating A Brand New Group:

- **PRIORITIZE RELATIONALLY:**
The goal of the group over the next 10 weeks is for you to become well acquainted with each other, not simply to complete a curriculum. While studying a curriculum is an important part of the group experience, be sure you prioritize connecting relationally during your early weeks
- **STAY PREDICTABLE:**
During the starter period, we strongly encourage your group to meet every week on an agreed upon day and at an agreed upon time. Frequently changing the meeting day and time is a prescription for failure.
- **FILL OUT A COVENANT:**
Be sure your group reviews and completes the covenant for the starter period. This will help clarify the goals and expectations of the group and allow everyone to start with the same understanding.
- **START LIGHT / END LIGHT:**
Start each week with 15-20 minutes of fellowship and refreshments before you move into the more intense elements of Bible Study and prayer. This will allow the group to reconnect relationally each week before you dive into the curriculum. After discussing the study and praying together, end the meeting with additional fellowship and refreshments. This will allow you to end each week on a relational note.



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- **HAVE FUN:** We want the group to be an enjoyable and an encouraging experience. Make sure laughter is a part of the meeting every week.
- **DON'T TEACH / DO FACILITATE:** Your primary jobs are to create an environment where people feel comfortable and to keep the meeting generally on track. Leading a small group is not about you answering all the questions for the group. In fact, you will find your group is most successful when the members do most of the talking.



Awesome New Group Resource

Community: Your Pathway to Progress

- Wk 1: Meal Together
- Wk 2-4: Member Introductions
- Wk 3-7: DVD sessions—Why Groups are So Important!
- Wk 8: Meal Together

