

Starting Well



Tips for the first three months of
Community Group leadership

While there's no formula guaranteeing a successful Community Group, there are a few things you can do to get your group off to a great start.

First Meeting:

- Make the meeting fun and mostly social.
- Take five minutes at the end of the meeting to tell the group what excites you about where the group is headed.
- Make sure everyone knows what day you're meeting, what time, and where.
- Ask someone in your group to collect and share everyone's contact info, birthdays, anniversaries, etc.
- Reminder: Take a few minutes prior to the arrival of your group members to pray for the evening.

First Month:

- Check out groupleaders.org for practical information about leading your group.
- Meet one-on-one with at least one group member or couple.
- Plan an overnight retreat with your group during the first six months.
- Reminder: Consistently pray for your group members by name.

Second Month:

- Share life stories.
- Complete the Community Group Agreement together.
- Start talking about your next study.
- Meet one-on-one with at least one group member or couple.
- Reminder: The most important thing you can do as a leader is to stay connected to God through regular, personal quiet times.

Third Month:

- Set up your first service opportunity.
- Order your next study.
- Let someone else lead the discussion at a meeting.
- Meet one-on-one with at least one group member or couple.
- Reminder: Invite someone wiser to pour into you on a consistent basis.