

# Starting Well



A cheat sheet 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 first meeting fun and mostly social.
- Take five minutes at the end of the first 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.
- Tell the group about childcare reimbursement.
- 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:**

- Use the "Community" study (or another relationally focused study).
- Begin sharing life stories (the 30-minute versions).
- 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:**

- Continue the "Community" study.
- Continue sharing 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:**

- Sign up to serve together through the Intersect Project.
- Order your next study.
- Finish sharing life stories.
- 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.

As always, contact your director anytime, for anything.  
We're delighted to be serving with you.

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