

HOST TIPS & HOW TO GATHER A GROUP

Hosting a group is as simple as opening your home, reading Scripture and questions aloud and playing a DVD. After your first meeting, you'll find your group will fall into a familiar rhythm. Here are a few tips for you as you get ready for your first meeting:

POUR ON THE HOSPITALITY

Keep in mind for many people, the thought of going to someone's house to have a "spiritual conversation" can be intimidating. It can trigger all kinds of insecurities. So, even little things, from your email communication to the way you greet them at the door, will go a long way toward easing their fears.

PROVIDE NAMETAGS

If the group doesn't not know each other, name tags are a great way to accelerate connection within the group.

START WITH INTRODUCTIONS

Go around the room and have everyone introduce himself or herself. A good introductory tool is to have everyone use the acronym FORD, with stands for telling a little bit about Family, Occupation, Recreation and Dreams.

USE THE PCC GROUP COMMON COURTESIES

The key to getting off on the right foot is to appropriately discuss and set expectations. Start the study by reading through the PCC Group Common Courtesies.

FINAL REMINDERS

PCC Groups are open groups. We always encourage you to invite your friends, family, coworkers and neighbors to do a Bible Study with you in your home. Commit to pray for God's guidance and an opportunity to invite them – especially people who do not know Christ.

The ideal group size is between 10 and 14 adults, but it is fine to start smaller and grow. In the natural life cycle of a PCC group some members will move on to other opportunities. A key responsibility for a PCC Group Leader is to always be praying, looking for and encouraging future PCC Group Leaders.