



Tips For the First 8-10 Weeks:

First Group Meeting

- Make the first meeting fun and mostly social (feel free to include kids if applicable).
- Take 5-10 minutes at the end of the first meeting to revisit the purpose of group, what excites you about group, etc.
- Make sure everyone knows the day, time, and location for group. You set the group frequency because you are the leader. New groups meet weekly for first 8 weeks.
- Make sure you have set the precedent for childcare (i.e. group sitter in a separate room, hire own childcare, etc.).
- Collect everyone's contact information.
- Set up a phone call with your Groups Team member to debrief after first meeting.

First Month

- Focus on relationships.
- Complete and submit your Group Commitment with your group's signatures.
- Begin sharing stories.
- Encourage group members to connect outside of group. You may have to create a structure or expectation for this.
- If you are rotating host homes, implement a hosting rotation for your group.
- Record group attendance using "My Account."
- Send email or text updates to the Groups Staff with updates or comments about your group.

Second Month

- Continue sharing stories.
- Consistently pray for your group members and look for ways to connect with them.
- Record group attendance using "My Account."
- Send email or text updates to the Group Staff with updates or comments about your group.

Things To Consider:

1. If your group has married couples or is co-ed, be intentional about creating times for just the men and women to meet.
2. Are there potential leaders in my group? If so, consider how you can personally develop and empower them.
3. Am I guarding my heart and soul as I lead others? How am I doing spiritually? Is my cup being filled by reading the Bible daily? Am I depending on the Holy Spirit through prayer?