

Goals of the First Meeting

Make Your 1st Night Great

- Introductions, Rekindle relationships and meet new members
- Read & Explain: **1 John 1:7 But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.**
- Clarify your group's direction / expectations / commitments using the covenant Briefly
- Discuss the sermon topic (if there is time)
- Pray for the building of relationships and spiritual growth of the group

Items Needed for the First Meeting

- Life Group covenants –
- Nametags
- Contact Your Group in Advance

Contact all members one week before the first meeting to welcome them to the group and inform them of the location and time of your group, as well as bringing snacks, etc....

Set UP – Space set & cleaned, Drinks available when people arrive, Upbeat music playing, phone off if possible.

Greet: A Leader/Co-Leader should be in the Lobby 10 minutes before the group arrives, greeting the members

#1 First Life Group - Welcome, mingle and talk while you snack & Drink Coffee (up to 15 minutes)

Ask questions: "Tell us about yourself?" / "Where do you work/school?" / "Your hobby's?"

Leadership tip – Studies show that the first 7 seconds a person spends in a room can make or break the remainder of their experience in that room.

#2 Going Over The Covenant Is Crucial

THE COVENANT - SET EXPECTATIONS AND VISION

(Vision: To facilitate significant long-term, Christ Centered relationships)

Everything rises and falls on how this is communicated

- Distribute the Covenant
- Go over the Covenant.
- Leader signs covenant first

MAKE PLANS FOR YOUR SOCIAL – (to volunteer as a group outside of church, to do something fun (Bowling, Ice skating, etc....))

b. Prayer

Brief, one topic at a time

Pray as many times as you want

Ask your Co-Leader to close in a brief prayer dedicating the next semester (7 weeks) to God

#3 Know That Your Dessert Conversations Are Just As Important As Your Meeting Discussions

Leadership tip – Never underestimate the significance of the time after the meeting. It is key to connect with people and find out more what people are all about.

#4. We Count People Because People Count

Co-Leader records the attendance and text or emails it to Life Group Coordinator