



Goals of the 1st Life Group Meeting

Make your 1st Meeting Great!

- Day before the first meeting
 - Send out a reminder to the group about the Meeting (include the time and place) via text, messenger, and/or email.

- Setting up the Meeting place
 - Make sure the room is clean and inviting.
 - Arrange the seating in a circle so that each person can easily see all the other members.
 - Have drinks and snacks available. (Maybe a potluck?)

- Have materials/supplies available and ready for Members
 - Have pens available for the members.
 - Optional: name tags - if using name tags have them ready with a marker.
 - Have the worksheet available and ready for the members.
 - Have copies of the “Life Group Commitment” forms available for each Member

- Welcome!
 - Greet the members.
 - Studies have shown that the first 7 seconds a person spends in a room can make or break the remainder of their experience in that room.
 - Mingle and visit while everyone is getting beverage and/or snack.
 - After everyone has arrived and is seated, start with introductions and sharing questions:
 - Name
 - Tell us about yourself (hobbies? Pets? Family/kids? Job?)
 - What do you hope to get out of it?
 - Icebreaker

- Explain the ground rules
 - We want you to be here - Make these sessions top priority.
 - Speak within your own comfort level - this is a nonthreatening place.
 - Confidentiality is very important - We must be able to trust one another. The ONLY exception to maintaining confidentiality should be when a person is a danger to themselves or others.
 - Make a commitment to prepare for each session - listen to the message, do the homework.

- Explain the Commitment form
 - You will get out of this group as much as you put in.
 - After the members have filled out and signed, make copies for each of them. (or take with you to make copies and bring back the next week.)

- Close with prayer
 - Ask for any prayer requests.
 - Close the prayer with dedicating the next # of weeks to God.

- Take a group photo. Post it and tag New Life. This helps us promote small groups. :)

- Goodbye!
 - Never underestimate the significance of the time after the meeting. It is key to connect with people and find out what they are all about.

- We count people because we want to know what percentage of New Life is involved in groups!
 - Record the attendance and text it to Krista (605) 630-9352 right after the meeting.