

Disco Groups

Recommendations for First Group Meeting

If this is your first time meeting as a group -- or first time for a while --

Take some time to communicate...

- The primary objective of a Disco Group is help people step “*Into Mission Through Groups*” --- and Groups are the perfect place for this, because we are always most effective at Mission when we are in Community!
- Disco Groups accomplish this by:
 - Developing Friendships (Embrace)
 - Inspiring Self-Feeders (Equip)
 - Living a Lifestyle of Generosity (Elevate)
 - Reaching our Communities (Engage)
- We want to share God’s goodness with others outside the current group... so it is never our intention that our groups stay exactly the same forever -- *In fact it is our prayer that, within 1-3 years, the group will MULTIPLY!* Quite honestly, at the rate God is growing our church, it is not just a nice dream to see multiplication... it is actually what must happen in order for us to continue to care well for the people God brings us. And God is making this happen in some of our Groups! (Group Leaders, work to help them catch that vision from the beginning!... *remember, multiplying is never something that I or Discovery will force on you. We will just continually keep the needs in front of you and trust that God will work in his timing!*)
 - Share with them some things about what they can expect ...
 - Food? Hangout time?
 - Discussion about the Bible, based around the Scripture passage from the sermon
 - Praying for each other
 - Protection of confidentiality
 - Quarterly Service Project (ask them to... Start Planning!)
 - Quarterly FUN night (ask them to... Start Planning!)
- I highly encourage you to spend some time talking through some commitments you will all make to each other with respect to the way the group will interact. Rather than providing you with a ready-made covenant for all of you to sign (which I believe would have more limited value), I encourage you to take time to brainstorm together what elements are important to each of you. If you have chart paper or a whiteboard to use to brainstorm these things, that will be helpful to you. I am including a sample covenant you can use to give you some ideas.
- Feel free to pass around a *sign-up sheet* asking for help with any of the following (or whatever else you can think of!! Find ways to share leadership!).
 - Snack rotation point
 - Childcare point

- Location rotation point (if applicable)
- Communications point (prayer request emails - and weekly reminders)
- Quarterly Service project point
- Quarterly FUN point
- Take some time to get to know each other -- share names and a bit about each other. Feel free to let this take up an unusually large chunk of your evening. Some ideas:
 - Assign partners to get to know each other -- and then have them introduce each other.
 - Share two interesting things about your last year (or your summer, or whichever season appropriate)
 - What prompted you to jump into this small group? What do you hope to gain or to give?