

The Group Agenda - 90 Minutes

Understand these concepts. This group agenda will become the norm approximately two months after your group has been meeting. Later we will look at a suggested time line which will automatically lead your group into this agenda, [Leading Your First Eleven Group Meetings](#).



20-30 minutes – for mixing and mingling. If the meeting starts at 6 pm, allow 15 - 20 minutes for people to arrive. *Always* use a [Serendipity Ice Breaker](#) question that will lead your group into the Bible study. *Always* serve water or healthy refreshments. Review [Aesthetics](#).



10-20 minutes – for questions about the Bible. These questions are “safe” questions that ask people to share their thoughts and opinions about the Bible. Use and adapt the Serendipity Bible questions. (The Serendipity Bible uses a “Bible” icon for these questions.) Also read [Bible Study, Preparing for your Group Study](#).)

20 minutes – for relational story. These questions are feeling questions that ask people to share their personal story in relations to the Bible story. Use/adapt the Serendipity Bible questions. (The Serendipity Bible uses a “heart” icon for these questions.)

For groups of less than 10 people. – Stay in one group.

For groups of more than 12 people. – Ask someone ahead of time to facilitate a sub-group. Break into groups of three to four and give each group a copy of the questions to cover. Close sub-groups with prayer and return to the large group for large group closure.



10-20 minutes – As a group. Stand in a circle. Place the Open chair in circle and hold hands as group closes. See side bar for different ways to have the closing prayer. The co-leader is always the last person to pray. Closes with a prayer of blessing and by praying for the people whom God wants us to invite to this group.

It is a nice touch to say [Numbers 6:24-26](#) together:

“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.”

The 50/50 Rule

50% for relational questions about the Bible. (Why do you think Jesus bent down and wrote on the ground?)

50% for relational questions where I tell my personal story in the context of the Bible story. (When have you felt “tried and convicted” by the crowd?)

How to Close your Group using different kinds of prayer

Option 1: Co-leader closes with a prayer of blessing and prays for the people God wants us to invite to this group.

Option 2: Co-leader takes prayer requests and prays for these requests, for God’s blessing, and for people to invite.

Option 3: Co-leader takes prayer requests and asks for volunteers to pray for specific requests as they are mentioned. Co-leader closes, asking God to bless the group and prays for the people God wants us to invite to group.

Option 4: Co-leader begins prayer then, while heads are bowed, asks people to share their prayer requests. Before moving onto the next prayer requests, co-leader asks for volunteers who would also pray for this specific request. Co-leader closes, asking God to bless the group and prays for the people God wants us to invite to the group. See [Prayer, Conversational Prayer Guidelines](#).