

Weekly Community Group Gatherings Outline

Each week, groups gather and ask some version of these 10 questions. We highly recommend everyone in the group shares the responsibilities of facilitating group discussions.

Loving Questions:

1. Glory Sightings (Where have you seen or experienced God's glory lately?)
2. What are you thankful for?
3. What is challenging for you or causing you stress right now?
4. Is there anything this group can do to help with those challenges or stresses, or is there any other need we can meet together?

Next, the facilitator should review last week's Bible passage & ask if anyone has anything they want to share about things they did or discussions they had with others outside of the group from last week's group discussion (Learning Questions 5-8).

Someone will then read a designated passage of Scripture for that week once or twice out loud, while the rest follow along (using different translations for each reading could be helpful). Then someone else retells the story in their own words, or shares the main points from the passage, and others fill in what is missing. After everyone in the group has shared, the facilitator will then ask the 4 learning questions and give everyone the opportunity to answer & discuss.

If/when doing a book study instead of a Bible study, please feel free to use this same format and questions, if that is helpful, and simply skip the step above about reading a designated passage from the Bible. You can also add your own questions or questions from the book study if they are available.

Learning Questions:

5. What are you learning about God/Jesus, yourself, or others?
6. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you?
7. What are you going to do about it?
8. Who do you need to share this with?

Discuss the final 2 leading questions giving each person the opportunity to share and allow group members to respond, support, encourage, and pray for one another.

Leading Questions:

9. How can we support and encourage one another in those actions?
10. Prayer Requests (How can we pray for one another this week?)

We encourage groups to always end their time in prayer together.

Additional activities to consider adding occasionally or regularly:

- Sharing a meal together
- Communion
- Fellowship & Fun Activities
- Singing / Worship
- Prayer / Prayer Walks
- Serving Together (preferably monthly)

Additional questions to ask occasionally:

- How goes it with your soul?
- How goes it with your relationships?
- What are your spiritual gifts and how are you using them to serve others and glorify God?
- Where, how, and when will our group serve our community this month?

ANYONE can lead! You don't have to be a gifted "teacher." All you have to do is read the questions, open the Scriptures, and let the Holy Spirit speak to everyone.