



CG LEADER GUIDE (AUG 10-16)

IN FOCUS: Welcome Back Party

Before the Meeting

- For your Welcome Back Party, consider planning something special to celebrate (special food, location: (beach bonfire/restaurant/someone's backyard, etc.).
- Make sure to message everyone to remind of meeting times/location, other important details.
- Meet as a leadership team to pray for the meeting and this semester before the meeting!

Welcome

GOAL: Meet one another, and get more comfortable as a group. Also, remind everyone of group's purpose, structure and expectations of members.

- Welcome everyone and enjoy a meal together with an icebreaker discussion question, or play a quick icebreaker game:
- Find Someone Bingo
- Who Am I?
- Catch Phrase
- Spot It
- 2 Truths & 1 Lie
- Icebreaker Questions
- 4 Corners

Discussion

Give members an opportunity to share and process how God is moving. Here are some suggested discussion topics:

- **What was the highlight of your summer so far?**
- **Do you feel like you grew closer to or farther from God over the summer? Why do you think that was?**
- **What has stood out to you most from the recent sermons or your Bible reading?**

Remind your CG: We grow to live and love like Jesus (our goal) when we are actively engaged with Scripture (truth), have ingrained habits and disciplines that keep us abiding in Jesus (practices) and are rooted in a group with other disciples of Jesus (community).

- **Of those 3 areas (truth, practices, community), where do you want to see growth this semester (the remainder of 2025)?**

For example: Truth: increase the frequency of Bible Reading, study of particular book, memorize Scripture, try a new Devotional Reading Method, etc. Practices: learn more about and try a new practice, review and revise my current rule of life, find someone to discuss my rule of life and help encourage and keep me accountable, etc. Community: be more consistent in prioritizing & attending my CG, be more honest/vulnerable in our discussions, hang out with someone in my CG outside of our meeting time, be intentional to encourage someone else in my CG, invite someone new to our CG, etc.

- **What is one way thing you can do to help achieve that goal, and how can this CG help you?**
- **If we could be praying for just one thing for YOU this week, what would it be?**

After The Meeting

- Send a note thanking each person for coming and invite back to next week's meeting (with details).
- Meet with your team to debrief/evaluate how the first meeting of the semester went, ways to improve, and to plan for your next meeting(s).