

## Before the Meeting

#### Welcome

GOAL: Meeting one another, and getting more comfortable as a group. Consider name tags!

Here are some activity, discussion ideas:

# CG LEADER GUIDE (JAN 25-31) Focus: In - Welcome Back

- Send a reminder to all registrants/past members at least 1 day before the party with time/location, what they can expect at first meeting, and other important details.
- Meet as a leadership team to pray before the meeting!

Welcome everyone and play a quick icebreaker game:

- Find Someone Bingo
- Who Am I?
- Catch Phrase
- Spot It
- 2 Truths & 1 Lie
- Icebreaker Questions
- 4 Corners

#### CG OVERVIEW

- <u>CG Definition</u>: A Community Group ("CG") is a gospel-centered group that do life together, and share the goal of growing to live and love like Jesus, while leading others to do the same.
- What To Expect: meeting location(s) each week, start/end times, how we communicate (MC App, text, GroupMe), etc.
- <u>Group Policies</u>: Confidentiality, respect (different viewpoints /opinions), everyone is welcome (no matter what you believe or how long you have been following Jesus; the group is for everyone/anyone interested in learning more about Jesus).

#### **DISCUSSION**

- What is one thing that you learned in 2025 that you don't want to forget?
- What are you most excited for in 2026?
- What is one habit that you will create this year to ensure that you are regularly engaging with Scripture?
- Review together and discuss which of <u>MC's Core Practices</u> will make up your Rule of Life (spiritual growth plan) in 2026?
- Is there a verse, word, theme or picture that you sense God is impressing on you to serve as a banner over this new year?
- How can you guard against the deforming effects of the use of screens in 2026 (quantity, frequency, character)?
- If you could ask God for 1 thing right now, what would that be?
   Pray for the person on your left this week for that 1 thing. Close in prayer.

### Dinner Discussion

GOAL: Clearly define group's purpose, structure and expectations of members.

Also, begin to give members an opportunity to share and give input.

Here are some suggested topics to cover over dinner and some discussion topics:

## 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 meeting went and ways to improve.