



Tips for Small Groups Leaders

These tips serve as a quick-reference guide to help small group leaders prepare for and follow up from small group meetings. Ongoing support will be available from Beth and the Hope Church team as you, with your small group members, take next steps in learning about and prayerfully enacting ACTS2 "two-gether."

Tips in preparation for your small group meetings:

- Pray for the Spirit's guidance in understanding where your small group is in relation to ACTS2.
- Ask the Lord to kindle awareness of ONEs in the minds and hearts of you and your small group members.
- There is opportunity for flexibility in how you implement ACTS2 with your small group. Review the questions available through the book and QR code to determine what questions you want to cover with your group. Additionally, look for tips, examples, and stories communicated via communications to small groups leaders.
- There is only one question we are asking you to cover with your group. The starred question in each chapter is what we would like you to make time to cover with your small group each time you meet.
- After you finish the training, plan for time, ongoing, in the structure of your small group gatherings to integrate the encouragement and accountability focus from ACTS2. Work with your group to develop a routine where this is a regular part of your meeting time and group life.
- Once the training is finished please refer to the TWO-GETHER questions moving forward to determine what question you'd like to cover during the 5-10 minute time you will be dedicating to helping encourage and keep one another accountable with our ONEs.

Tips to help during your small group meetings:

- Refresh your group about Hope Church's ground rules for small groups, emphasizing the importance of confidentiality. Encourage small group members to refrain from names in talking about the ONEs in their relational reach zones. Instead use an initial or initials, only.
- Leaders go first! Begin with your own story and the ways the Spirit is leading you, and the ways God is showing you where He is already at work.
- Invite your small group members to talk about how the Spirit is leading in becoming aware of and blessing ONEs. Understand that not everyone will share their experiences each time. It's okay if some people aren't ready to share yet. Keep praying. Keep modeling. Keep inviting.
- Point out when you notice God at work and the work of the Holy Spirit as people are sharing their stories.
- **Celebrate and thank God** for the ways He shows Himself to you and your small group members in this process.

Tips for after your small group meetings:

- Keep reminding one another to pray for each other and their ONEs between your small group meetings.
- Respond to small groups leader mini-surveys to let Beth and the Hope Church team know how things are going.
- Watch for, and participate in, informal meetings for small groups leaders to ask questions, share ideas, and receive support for shepherding your small group in blessing and investing in their ONEs.
- Be ready to share stories with Beth and the Hope Church team of the ways God is showing Himself to you and your small group members in this process. Opportunities to do this will come to you through mini-surveys of small group leaders and other communications. Maintain confidentiality by using an initial, only, and refraining from key identifying details.