



WHAT IS CHURCH GROUP GATHERING?

Church Group Gathering follows every evening session with your whole group. This time is designed to look different than your Life Group sessions.

Church Group Gathering is yours to lead and develop. We believe this time as one, large group is vital to connect and debrief with your students. Your students can digest and process what God is teaching them, share about their experiences with other students and leaders who will continue speaking into their lives and then have a time of prayer.

We want to serve you in any way we can. If you need anything to make your Church Group Gathering time happen, please do not hesitate to ask!

Our prayer is that your Church Group Gathering each night fosters deep community, healthy accountability and a clearer view of Jesus for your students.

CHURCH GROUP GATHERING IDEAS

We believe Church Group Gathering is most effective when you are able to tailor it specifically for your group. Because of that, we do not provide any formal curriculum. We won't leave you hanging though! Here are some ideas.

PRO TIP: Whether you use some of these ideas or do your own thing, come to Church Group Gathering with a plan!

TIME OF SHARING

Let students talk about their camp or life experience. Ask them what they are learning from Bible study, quiet time, the camp pastor or band, etc.

THEME VIDEO Q&A'S

Our evening theme videos present questions from diverse perspectives to amplify the voices of students who may feel hesitant to speak up. To support leaders and students in addressing these questions, we have offered concise answers and Biblical references.

CHALLENGE FROM STUDENT PASTOR

Use this distraction-free opportunity to personally challenge or encourage your students.

LATE NIGHT SNACKS

There's something special about breaking bread together... especially when there are cookies. Reminder, please keep your meeting space clean!

PRAYER OR ACCOUNTABILITY PARTNERS

Intentionally connect students so they can pray together and for one another. It can be helpful to divide students by gender for accountability prayer.

EXTENDED WORSHIP

Let your students or adults bring their instruments and lead this time.

TIME OF ENCOURAGEMENT

EXAMPLE: write each student's name on a piece of paper and have everyone rotate throughout the room writing encouraging words for the person whose name is on the paper.

GIRLS' AND GUYS' NIGHT

Host a gender-specific time of sharing and prayer. Plan fun activities that you know your guys and girls will like!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Share specific announcements for your group, go over the schedule, or remind students of travel logistics towards the end of camp.

CONNECT WITH STUDENT LIFE STAFF

Ask one or more of our staff to share their heart and stories with your group.

SENIOR NIGHT

Use this time to honor Seniors and have them speak to the group. Towards the end, have them commission the juniors to be leaders in the coming year.





PRAYER PROMPTS

NIGHT 1 – OUR CREATOR

Group Prayer

God created every single person in your group. Because he created them, he knows them. Spend time praying for each other in your group by praying and declaring the names of God to one another.

Example

I know that Sally is trying to decide where to go to college next year. I am going to go and pray and declare JEHOVAH-SHALOM over her, that she would know the peace of God as she makes her choice.

NIGHT 2 – OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS

Group Prayer

God is our righteousness and we represent him everywhere we go. Spend time praying the names of God over specific people and places you spend time with as an ambassador of God's righteousness. Some ideas of places could be your family, school, sports field, our church, where you work, etc.

Example

Billy broke his leg on my basketball team. I am going to pray and declare JEHOVAH-ROPHE over Billy, that he would be healed in Jesus' name!

NIGHT 3 – OUR SHEPHERD

Group Prayer

Jesus is our good shepherd and wants to lead all who don't know him into a relationship with God! Pray the names of God over your town for all people to know Jesus as Shepherd.

Idea 1

Divide the room into different neighborhoods or areas of your community. Have the students move through the

room to pray the names of God over everyone who lives/works in those areas to know Jesus!

Idea 2

Spend a moment asking God, "Who is someone I know who doesn't have a relationship with you that I can begin consistently praying to come to know you as JEHOVAH-ROHI?"

Leader Note

if students have made decisions to follow Jesus today, this could be an opportunity to help them take the next step in their walk with Jesus by talking with them about being baptized.

NIGHT 4 – OUR COMFORTER

Group Prayer

The Bible says that prayers of a righteous person are very powerful (James 5:16). And, like we learned on Day 2, God is our righteousness, which means our prayers tonight are powerful! We're going to pray and declare the names of God over our nation and the nations of the earth.

Idea 1

If your church has sent missionaries to specific countries, you could put those countries up throughout the room and have students pray the names of God over the people living in that country and your missionary teams.

Idea 2

Read 1 Timothy 2:1-4 as a vision for praying for our government. You could write down the four branches of the U.S. government and have your group pray the names of God over the people working in the four branches.

Idea 3

Pray and declare a name of God for each of the 50 states.

