

EVENING CHURCH GROUP GATHERING GUIDE

WHAT IS CHURCH GROUP GATHERING?

- Church Group Gathering follows every evening Life Group session with your **whole church 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. They 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 nightly Church Group Gathering 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 summer staff to share their heart and personal stories of deciding to follow Jesus 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.

NIGHT 1 | CULTIVATE

JOHN 15:5

Tonight your students have been introduced to this year's camp theme "Cultivate" and have learned about the concept of parables (the way in which Jesus taught the truths of scripture). This week your students will learn what it means to abide in Christ and discover how transformation takes place when they walk in step with Him.

Group Prayer: Jesus paid the ultimate sacrifice for each and every one of us to be in a fully restored relationship with Him. His desire is that we seek Him with all our hearts, walk in obedience, and abide in His Spirit as we are here on earth. Spend some time in prayer asking God to reveal Himself to you and the people in your group this week at camp.

- Some specific things to consider praying for: open hearts, distraction-free spaces, protection at camp, and new friendships to be formed this week at camp

NIGHT 2 | SOWER AND THE SOILS

MATTHEW 13:23

Today your students have learned that being a source of "good soil" is essential for experiencing spiritual growth. Scripture tells us that when we have ears to hear God's word and seek to understand it, we will produce rich fruit.

Group Prayer: God desires for us to walk closely with Him and to use us as a vessel to accomplish His good works. Ask God to renew your heart and mind, allowing the Holy Spirit to create good soil in your heart so that you may know Him more deeply. Take time to pray for this in your own heart and for the people in your group as well.

- Some specific things to consider praying for: purity in heart and mind, wisdom in navigating friendships/relationships, obedience to follow where

NIGHT 3 | GROWING AND PRUNING

JOHN 15:4

Today, your students learned that for growth to take place in their lives, they must remain connected to the true vine — Jesus. Pruning looks different for each of us, and we can take comfort in knowing that God is intentional in how He works in every life. When we choose to walk in step with Jesus and abide in His Spirit, the growth that comes through life's challenges leads us to produce much fruit.

Group Prayer: Jesus paid our debt so that we could live in a fully restored relationship with Him. As we grow closer to Him, He lovingly reveals the areas of our lives that need repentance and refinement so we can become more like Him. Ask God to show you where pruning is needed and to strengthen you by His Spirit through the process.

MORNING CHURCH GROUP GATHERING GUIDE

HEY GROUP LEADERS!

Morning Church Group Gathering is a time for you to check in with your students, prepare their hearts for the day, and encourage them to spend intentional time with God through Scripture and quiet reflection. Your role is to help create a welcoming, organized environment where students can start their day in the Word.

Here are 5 simple steps you can follow to lead this time:

STEP 1: ROLL CALL

Ensure that all of your students are accounted for and with your group.

STEP 2: DISMISS LIFE GROUP LEADERS

Dismiss Life Group Leaders to attend the Life Group Leader Meeting.

STEP 3: INTRODUCE THE QUIET TIME THEME OF THE DAY

Briefly share the Quiet Time Daily Theme (referenced below).

STEP 4: PRAY AND DISMISS STUDENTS TO QUIET TIME

Open the time in prayer before dismissing students to do their quiet time.

STEP 5: REGATHER AND SHARE

After about 25 minutes, gather your students back together. Invite them to share something they learned, a verse that stood out, or a thought from their quiet time.

DAILY QUIET TIME THEMES

DAY 2:

Main Focus: God doesn't judge the way people do. He examines what's going on in our hearts.

Passage: 1 Samuel 16:1-12

DAY 3:

Main Focus: God is faithful to walk with us and makes our heavy burdens feel light.

Passage: Psalm 30

DAY 4:

Main Focus: When we follow the Good Shepherd, our lives point others to Him.

Passage: Psalm 23

DAY 5:

Main Focus: Trusting God leads to growth, even when His plans feel unclear.

Passage: Proverbs 3:1-12