

Small Group Best Practices

1. **Pray.** Begin all gatherings with prayer. Pray for group members daily. Ask for prayer requests from members.
2. **Communicate.** Contact group members regularly. Communicate early and often, then follow through.
3. **Hospitality.** Greet people when they arrive. Offer snacks and drinks.
4. **Grow.** Grow the group – Dream of leading a healthy, growing, multiplying group. Grow yourself – Be committed to personal growth. Invite new people to join the group from both your church and outside your church. Mentor an apprentice leader.
5. **Respect.** Create a covenant with your group members. Have a plan to handle conflict when it arises. Respect people's time – begin and end on time, and have a beginning and end date for each study.
6. **Prepare.** Prepare for the group meeting. Think through questions ahead of time.