



Leading a Small Group Meeting -The Essentials

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From the Start....



- What are you bringing into the meeting- How do you open or start off. This is infectious....
 - - Your Passion, Enthusiasm, your Love for the People God has put in your custody should be obvious.

- This speaks to your...
 - Your Spiritual and Emotional preparation.

- What are you Projecting.....?
 - 1st Cor 3:10- God has given me unique gifts as a skilled master builder who lays a good foundation. Afterward another craftsman comes and builds on it. So builders beware! Let every builder do his work carefully, according to God's standards.

Enjoy the Drive...

- What do you want to accomplish? –
- As the Driver- Your primary objective is...
to create an atmosphere where people can (FMF)....
- Freely **Fellowship**,
- Release their **Ministry** (Participation, inclusiveness of all)
- Have **Fun**. (Deliberate actions to ensure this takes place-
Games, Movies, experience sharing e.t.c)
- **NOTE- Always ensure you watch out for GUESTS.**
- Prov 27:23- **23 Know the state of your flocks, and put your heart into caring for your herds,**
- (The Message) **Know your sheep by name; carefully attend to your flocks; (Don't take them for granted;...)**



Coordinating a Connect Group- Elements of Fellowship

Regardless the nature of the Connect Group, the following elements of fellowship are required activities weekly;



- E.S.P.N.



Encourage

Encourage the people in your group by knowing and caring for them. Everyone needs encouragement no matter where they are in life (Heb 10:25- TPT)



Scripture

No matter what your group is focused on, sharing the Scripture is a non-negotiable. The Word is life-giving and needed to experience spiritual growth



Pray

Prayer is a priority in our connect groups. Prayer is instrumental to help build a genuine community within your group and to make group members feel cared for, connected, and encouraged



Next Steps

Providing next steps means offering different opportunities for continued growth for the members of your group. Group leaders steward their members well by guiding them to their next steps.



Key Scripture

- **Heb 10:25 (TPT)- ESPN**
- This is **not the time to pull away and neglect meeting together**, as some have formed the habit of doing, **because we need each other!** (P&S) . In fact, **we should come together even more frequently**, eager to encourage (E) and urge each other onward (N) as we anticipate that day dawning.
- E- ENCOURAGE-
- S- SPIRITUAL NURTURE-
- P- PRAYER-
- N- NEXT STEPS- Urge each other onward

Concluding...



- Check through the elements – ESPN.
- Gauge the level of engagement and excitement- Use it to drive attendance for next meeting.
- Create an atmosphere of expectation.
- Intentionally create an atmosphere for Bonding- Calls and Sms to one another during the week.
- Group Project Decision and Follow up
- Finally Fill and Send Report.- Proof of accountability as stewards.

Finally, Finally ...



DAT'S ALL!

THANK YOU!