

CATCHING UP WITH ONE ANOTHER

God calls us to love one another. This is a time when we practice this intentionally. Spend 20-30 minutes catching up with one another. This can range from very formal (using the selected *one another* command from *Immersion* that week) to quite informal (discuss what is on your minds). Here are some sample questions from using the “Be Compassionate to One Another” command:

- ◆ Who was compassionate to me this past week? Thank God.
- ◆ Who lacked compassion toward me? Forgive and pray for them.
- ◆ To whom did I fail to show compassion? Seek forgiveness.
- ◆ To whom did I show compassion? Praise God for faithfulness

You can also answer Hope’s two basic measures

- ◇ How is God growing me at this time?
- ◇ How is God using me to help others grow at this time?



FOLLOWING UP WITH ONE ANOTHER

This is about how the story or devotions of the past week and the group time you are concluding will impact your daily life. This could relate to repentance based on time in God’s word that day, on relationship building or restoration, healing, training, self-discipline, witnessing, spiritual fruit-bearing, participation, studying, prayer, etc. Once you have trust established in your group, let them hold you accountable to life changes that you want to see occur.

In light of this, let your fellow groupers know what to:

- ◆ Pray about over the next week for you?
- ◆ Ask you about the next time you gather?
- ◆ Plan on time and date-wise for the next two meeting times?

“May the Lord make your love increase & OVERFLOW for each other & for everyone else...”
1 Thessalonians 3:12

Quick Start Guide to Groupings



Mission

Connecting to One Another in the Contagious Joy of Following Jesus

Option A: Immersion

Part 1: Catching Up with One Another

Spend 20-30 min catching up with one another—casual conversation about your lives or formal questions based on the One Another commands (see back panel.)

Opening Prayer

Part 2: Spending Time in God's Word Together

- ◆ Which devotion did you enjoy the most?
- ◆ Which devotion challenged you?
- ◆ Which devotion didn't make sense?
- ◆ Which devotion led to good prayer time with God?
- ◆ How did your behavior get affected by the devotions this week?

This last question will always lead into Part 3

- ◇ How is God working on you this week (past and future)?

Part 3: Following Up With One Another

This is about how the devotions of the past week and the group time you are concluding will impact your daily life (see back panel for questions.)

Closing Prayer

*Immersed in
God's Word*

Option B: Storying

Part 1: Catching Up with One Another

In addition to catching up one another with questions on the back panel, ask:



Did anyone re-tell the week's story? Would anyone be willing to share what happened or how it went?

Opening Prayer

Part 2: Spending Time in God's Word Together



Hook Question: Make up a hook question like "where was your first home" based on the story topic of the day.

- ⇒ Tell the story, starting with "This is a story from God's Word" and ending with "this is God's story from His Word"
- ⇒ Retell the story a second time
- ⇒ Have facilitator lead a rebuilding of the story by asking questions of the group from a chronological standpoint.
- ⇒ Engage with Questions & Answers
 - What did you like – or learn new – about the story?
 - What did you not like – or not understand about the story?
 - What are the people doing in the story?
 - Who do you identify with?
 - What is God doing in the story?
 - What might God be asking of you triggered by this story? How is he challenging you?

Part 3: Following Up With One Another

Start with administrative details then move to the questions found on the back panel.

Closing Prayer

Option C: Topic

Part 1: Catching Up with One Another

Spend 20-30 min catching up with one another—casual conversation about your lives or formal questions based on the One Another commands (see back panel.)

Opening Prayer

Part 2: Spending Time in God's Word Together

Usually, materials which the group has already selected drive this section of the gathering time.

Part 3: Following Up With One Another

Describe how the devotions of the group time you are concluding will impact your daily life moving forward (see back panel for questions.)

- ◇ How do you hope to grow?
- ◇ Who might you be in a position to help grow?

Closing Prayer

*Follow Me
and I will make you fishers of men.
Matthew 4:19*