



## LIFE GROUPS

### FIRST NIGHT AGENDA

#### FIRST NIGHT PREPARATION

**Leaders/Hosts** – Check your rosters online and **CONTACT ALL MEMBERS** one week before the first meeting and welcome them to the group. Provide the location and time of your group, as well as any entrees to bring for dinner/dessert.

#### **GOALS FOR THE FIRST MEETING**

- Rekindle relationships and meet new members
- Clarify your group's direction / expectations / commitments
- Briefly discuss the sermon topic (if there is time)
- Pray for the building of relationships and spiritual growth of the group

#### **ITEMS NEEDED**

- Dinner / dessert plans decided
- Beverages set up
- Life Group Commitment
- Nametags (*especially if you have new members*)

#### THREE ESSENTIAL PARTS OF YOUR EVENING

##### **#1 WELCOME, MINGLE AND TALK WHILE YOU EAT**

- Leader/Host greet members upon arrival with music.
- The first seven seconds after arrival are critical for new members. Make a great first impression!

##### **#2 FIRST GROUP DISCUSSION**

- Sharing Activity: "Ice-Breaker" questions and/or Getting to know you game like 2 Lies and a Truth.
- Worship (optional): This is a great way to connect spiritually with your group.
- REVIEWING THE LIFE GROUP COVENANT IS CRUCIAL:** The BE OPEN and LOOKING AHEAD questions set up your time to go over the Life Group Covenant.
- Closing Prayer: Dedicate the Spring session to God.

##### **#3 KEEP IN MIND, YOUR DESSERT CONVERSATIONS ARE JUST AS IMPORTANT AS YOUR MEETING DISCUSSIONS.**

#### LEADERSHIP TIPS

- ⇒ **1:** Never underestimate the significance of the time after the meeting.
- ⇒ **2:** Use the Covenant to set the standards for your Life Group.
- ⇒ **3:** Visit the Leader Resources page for additional tips at <https://www.springfieldfaithcenter.org/leader-resources>.