



COMMUNITY GROUPS

AT THE WELL

FAMILY GATHERING

Connecting with your Family on Mission

THE BASICS

Acts 2:42-47

We gather together as a family to share our lives around the table and plan to move together towards others in our neighborhood, including neighbors, coworkers, and friends. Family Gatherings should happen at least once a month on a regular day and time. Anyone in your Community Group can host, so try rotating locations. Create a hospitable environment – nothing fancy!

THE STRUCTURE

Family Gatherings should have three main components during each gathering:

1. **Mingle and Chat** (15 min) – Give people time to chat informally. This is a great time to check in with people and finish getting the food setup.
2. **Meal** (45 min) – Food is not just a tool to entice people to come. When you share your lives around a table, communities grow as you laugh and cry about real life moments. Try a potluck style, or have the host or leader plan the menu and then send an email to the group about what everyone can sign up to bring.

Ask the following questions while sharing a meal:

1. How is Jesus working in your life?
2. How is Jesus causing you to move toward others?
3. **Plan** (30 min) – Intentionally make time to incorporate your lives together. Bring your calendars and plan Scatter Times. The responsibility for Scatter Times falls on each community member. The leader does not have to coordinate or attend every single one. Many times the entire group will not be able to attend. For example, if someone expresses interest in serving, ask them to plan a serving activity for the group.
4. **Pray** (30 min) – Spend time in prayer specifically for each other. Pray that God would use your community to demonstrate and declare the gospel, and that neighbors, co-workers, and friends would come to know him. Instead of waiting until the end to pray, try to pray throughout your time together as people share around the table.