



COMMUNITY GROUPS AT THE WELL

SCATTER TIMES

THE BASICS

Look at all of your life intentionally as a missionary. We scatter together to live our lives on mission, to demonstrate and declare the gospel. Instead of adding more events to packed calendars, look at the natural rhythms of your life. Scatter Times offer a neutral and natural environment for anyone to feel comfortable to join, especially when you invite people to participate in activities they would do anyways. We suggest scattering together 2-3 times per month.

KEY RHYTHMS

Scatter Times typically fall under two key phrases:

1. **Celebrate** – Throw or join a party to celebrate a holiday, birthday, or anniversary. Or just celebrate life with a cookout on Friday and invite neighbors, coworkers, and friends. The goal of celebrations is to build genuine relationships with the hope of engaging in explicit gospel conversations.

This looks different depending on your life stage. For example, if one of your coworkers wants to play trivia or join a running group, invite a small pocket of your community to join you. Or, maybe you want to put your kid in soccer. Invite other community parents to put their kids in the same soccer league, and engage with parents on the sidelines during practices and games.

2. **Serve** – Demonstrate the gospel by meeting felt and tangible needs, including emotional and physical needs of people around you. Invite neighbors, coworkers, and friends to serve alongside your community and to love the city together. Don't feel like you have to create some from scratch. Join a community project or serve alongside a non-profit in your neighborhood. And when people ask why you serve, take the opportunity to share the gospel (*We can serve and give of ourselves because Jesus has sacrificed so much for us and loved us.*)

NUTS & BOLTS

- Be intentional about what's on your calendar. It doesn't always have to be additional.
- Ask people to bring their calendars to Family Gatherings and plan dates together.
- Consider the season of the year. Be proactive to connect with people around holidays, in the warm weather, or at seasonal events.