

What a Connect Group Looks Like

This outline provides a healthy rhythm of connection, discussion, and prayer, helping your group stay centered on relationships and spiritual growth.

1. Pre Group Connection (10 minutes)

Purpose: Create a warm, welcoming atmosphere where people can relax and connect naturally.

- Encourage everyone to grab a snack or drink and catch up before the group officially starts.
- Use this time to greet people personally and help newcomers feel comfortable.
- Keep it casual and friendly, this sets the tone for meaningful conversation later.

2. Welcome (10 minutes)

Purpose: Set a friendly tone and invite everyone into the night's focus.

- Greet everyone and thank them for coming.
- Acknowledge new guests
- Make sure everyone has the church center app.
- Use a light icebreaker or question to help people open up.

Examples: “What’s one highlight from your week?”, “What’s something you’re looking forward to?” , “How did you start coming to theChapel?” , “If you were ice cream, what flavor would you be?” This is also a perfect time to use the icebreaker questions on the Leader Discussion Cards you have been given.

3. Discussion or Reflection Time (35–40 minutes)

Purpose: Center the group around spiritual growth and real-life application. Choose one focus for your meetings:

- **Message Discussion:** Reflect on the past weekend's sermon and how it applies to everyday life.
- **Bible Study:** Read and discuss a passage of Scripture together.

Encourage everyone to share, listen, and learn from one another.

4. Looking Ahead (5–10 minutes)

Purpose: Build anticipation and keep everyone connected beyond tonight.

- Share what's coming up for the group (next meeting, serving opportunity, or event).
- Encourage members to be praying or thinking about what's next.
- Confirm who's helping next time (snacks, hosting, leading prayer, etc.).
- Think through creating or participating in a Serve Project (first Saturday of every month!)

5. Prayer & Closing (10–15 minutes)

Purpose: End with unity, encouragement, and gratitude.

- Ask for prayer requests and celebrate answered prayers.
- Pray together, invite others to pray aloud if they feel comfortable.
- Close by thanking God for what He's doing in the group and praying for the week ahead. "Lord, thank You for the conversations and connections tonight. Help us walk in unity and carry Your peace wherever we go."

Encourage everyone to stay connected during the week, send a message, share a verse, or check in on prayer needs.

Remember:

Every Connect Group will look a little different, and that's okay! Create a space where people feel seen, known, and encouraged to take their next step in faith.