

## Community Groups Sample First Meeting

**Purpose:** As we have mentioned, the first meeting is primarily a time to cast vision and encourage people to begin to get to know each other. Below is a sample first meeting with some suggested questions.



- Fellowship and getting drinks etc.
- What is community?
  - Possibly show video on community. - [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L6cJj-Ku\\_e4&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L6cJj-Ku_e4&feature=player_embedded)
  - What struck you about the video?
  - What makes it difficult to build authentic community?
  - What should we do?
  - Go over the 4 purposes – Outreach, Community, Spiritual Growth, Ministry
- What are some details about our group? (Ground rules)
  - Respect each other even with differences of opinions
  - Confidentiality – this is a safe place to share
  - Pray for each other outside of our meeting.
  - Explain sermon based study. Perhaps give some examples.
  - What time do you want to start and end?
  - How do you want to handle snacks? (beginning or end, signups, etc)
  - Any questions?
- Let's start by getting to know each other
  - Go around and share what takes most of your time each week. (work, parenting, etc.)
  - Also, possibly have them answer some other “fun” question. Maybe a favorite. Or what was the most impactful thing you did this last summer? Anything will work here.
- Prayer
  - Allow an open time for prayer requests.
  - Then a time of prayer open to anyone. Please do not force people to pray that may not want to. Encourage people to pick one or two requests to pray for.
- Fellowship
  - As you close, break out the snacks and enjoy time with your brothers and sisters in Christ.