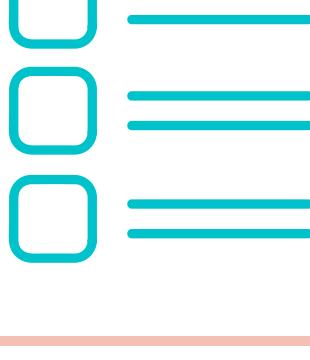




6 W'S OF SMALL GROUP MEETING



WORK OUT A PLAN

Having a plan for your meeting is key to having an effective meeting. Time invested in preparing for each meeting goes a long way to reducing the chances of disruptions. Preparation should consist of spiritual preparation and practical preparation.

WELCOME

How a meeting starts has great bearing on the rest of the meeting. By welcoming members of your group you help them feel more relaxed and increase the chances of them being more engaged during the meeting. A welcome could include anything from an icebreaker/conversation starter to greeting each person as they join the meeting.

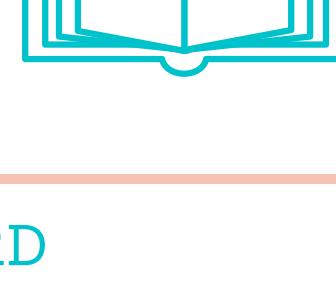


WORSHIP

Worship changes our focus from personal needs to God. Worship prepares our hearts to hear and do God's will. Singing worship songs is not the only form of worship. There are many ways to worship in a group setting; get a member to lead a song, read a psalms, or express thanksgiving to God.

WORD

The early church "did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus". The Word element must be central to all we do in our group meetings. We should engage with God's word through teaching the bible, doing bible studies or facilitating bible discussions.



WAIT ON THE LORD

Making room for the Holy Spirit to come in power and manifest His gifts is an essential part of our meetings. This will look different for different groups and meetings, but essentially we should all be open to the leading of the Spirit in our meetings. Waiting on the Lord could consist of a time of prayer, a time for silence and reflection, or a moment when spiritual gifts are exercised.

WALK THE WORD

We never want our meetings to become a tick-box exercise, but rather times of spiritual impartation, transformation, and building strong relationships. This happens as we apply the word of God in personal, specific and practical ways. This section is all about taking what we learn and applying it to our daily lives.



The format of a meeting is not as important as being led by the Holy Spirit.

Our vision is for all our churches to be connected to a group where they can grow in their walk with God, build lifelong relationships, where they are cared for and care for others.