

Starting a Life Group

STEP 1 – PRAY

- Seek the Lord in desiring to lead and multiply a healthy group of disciples at FO.
- Continue to seek the Lord for clarity and affirmation with the desire to start a group.

STEP 2 – GATHER A LEADERSHIP TEAM

- Read through the Adult Life Group Leader Guide and begin building a leadership team.
- Pray through the leader recommendation form and ask God to provide you with team members.
- Request a Leader Commitment Form from our Discipleship Pastor and schedule a time to meet together.

STEP 3 – GATHER A CORE GROUP

- Host Provide your ministry leader or Discipleship Pastor with a list of potential group visitors.
- Requests a current list of guests not in a Life Group to consider inviting.
- Begin the contact process and reach out to all prospects, inviting them to join your Core Group.
- Seek four to six individuals to commit to the Core Group meeting and new group launch.

STEP 4 – START MEETING WITH A CORE GROUP

- Host a Core Group meeting on or off campus.
- Core Group meetings serve as a time for prayer, fellowship, and community building.
- Core Group meetings should continue for four to six weeks to ensure viability of the potential group.
- Continue identifying potential Stage 2 leaders as you meet, but do not rush to fill these positions.
- Choose a name, launch date and room for your group with the guidance of ministry team and Discipleship Pastor.

STEP 5 – LAUNCH GROUP (WEEK OF GROUP LAUNCH)

- Make sure to communicate to your Core Group and group prospects the date, time and room number of the new group.
- Make plans to have food in your room the first week (Ministry team can help with this).
- Be present on launch day, greet all guests, encourage guests to fill out connect card, and celebrate what God has done and is doing through this new group.

STEP 6 – CONTINUING GROUP LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- Meet regularly with your leadership team and Discipleship Pastor as your group grows.
- Follow up with guests and members on a weekly basis.
- Pray for God's continued blessing and growth of your group.