



## Tips for Getting Started with Your Small Group

### BEFORE YOUR FIRST MEETING:

1. Decide when and where you'll meet: **we recommend 75 minutes for at least six weeks.**
  - IN-PERSON: If you'd like to explore meeting at CPC, contact Marisa at [rooms@cpconline.org](mailto:rooms@cpconline.org). (Note: Wednesdays are not available due to programs.)
  - VIRTUAL: Use what you already know and have access to as a group (Zoom, Google Meet, Facebook Messenger, Skype, FaceTime, Microsoft Teams, etc.). Contact Deb Carlson ([debc@cpconline.org](mailto:debc@cpconline.org)) if you would like to get on CPC's Zoom schedule.
2. Download a printable study guide at [cpconline.org/small-groups](http://cpconline.org/small-groups). While it's not required, doing the questions before you meet each week will help you get more out of the discussion.

### FIRST MEETING:

#### 1. GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER

Use these conversations starters:

- How long have you been around CPC?
- Share something about your family or other people who are closest to you.
- What attracted you to participate in a small group?

#### 2. READ GROUP VALUES

Take turns reading the group values out loud (find them at [cpconline.org/small-groups](http://cpconline.org/small-groups)).

Process them a bit together to see if there's anything missing that's important to you as a group.

#### 3. TALK ABOUT GROUP ROLES

There is no designated leader, and instead **you will share mutual accountability** for what happens in your group. **It's important to talk through and agree on these roles.**

- **Discussion Leader:** We recommend that you rotate who asks the questions during your discussion, but one of you might be interested in taking the lead.
- **Organizer:** It can help to have a designated person to keep the group organized in between meetings (using email, text, or an app like GroupMe).
- **Prayer:** It's a privilege and encouragement to pray out loud with one another. Be open and talk about your comfort level in praying publicly. We suggest sharing prayer concerns at the end of your meeting time and each of you pray for one person. It's helpful for one person to take the lead. Visit [cpconline.org/small-groups](http://cpconline.org/small-groups) for other prayer ideas.

### FUTURE MEETINGS – RECOMMENDED SCHEDULE (75 MINUTES):

10 minutes: Catch up on what's been happening in your lives. Visit [cpconline.org/small-groups](http://cpconline.org/small-groups) for more conversation starters.

50 minutes: Discuss your study

15 minutes: Share prayer requests and pray together