

YOUR FIRST SMALL GROUP MEETING | FOR GROUP LEADERS

AGENDA FOR YOUR FIRST MEETING

All the materials for your first meeting will be provided in your *New Host Bag*, which should have been provided to you by the Small Groups Team. If you have not yet received this bag, please contact the Small Group Team.

1. Give people name tags and have them get settled.
2. Introductions – Go around the group and have everyone answer these questions:
 - Name
 - What do you do during the days to keep yourself busy?
 - Job, volunteer work, hobbies?
 - Family: Married, single, kids, grandkids?
 - Have you been in a church small group (or life group) before?
3. What is a small group?
 - Ask everyone who wants to share, “What are your expectations of a Small Group?”
 - If you were in the perfect group, what would you want to do during group time?
 - What do you think we’ll actually be doing during our small group time?
 - What Grace Church wants for your Small Group:
 - Go over “Defining Small Groups” in the *Members Guide*
 - The primary goal is to live out the 5 purposes of God:
 - **G**lorify God
 - **R**elate to Others
 - **A**ct Like Jesus
 - **C**are for Others
 - **E**xpress God’s Love
4. What will future meetings look like? Below is a basic agenda for a regular Small Group meeting.
 - Gather – Fellowship
 - Pray – Worship
 - Discuss Study – Discipleship
 - Prayer Request – Care for Others
5. Go over the “Small Group Members Summary” in the *Members Guide*.
6. Have group members choose roles they can fill in the group.
7. Go over the “Small Group Covenant” in the *Members Guide*.
 - Decide best time to start and end meetings.
 - Do you want to do snacks or meals and have someone to organize who brings food?
 - If you need childcare for your meetings, discuss the details of how that will be handled.

Let everyone know that next week you will begin the study *Circle Up*.

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INITIAL STUDY

anthology.study/studies/circle-up

This is the link to stream the *Circle Up* study to your TV. It also has a PDF of the study questions for each week. You can send these to group members to print out if they want to, or they can look at them on their phone.

If you would like the DVD for this study to “check out” (as you do from a library) please let us know and we can get it to you. We also have copies of the Study Guide to check out if you would like one of those (we do not have enough for all of the group members, but we can loan them to hosts and facilitators).

This is a 4-week study to learn how to start a healthy Small Group. The last week’s study may take longer than a week, depending on the number of people in your group and how much everyone shares.

AFTER THIS STUDY

We have a list of recommended studies for your group to do. You can do any of these, which may be borrowed from our resource library, or choose from other study options.

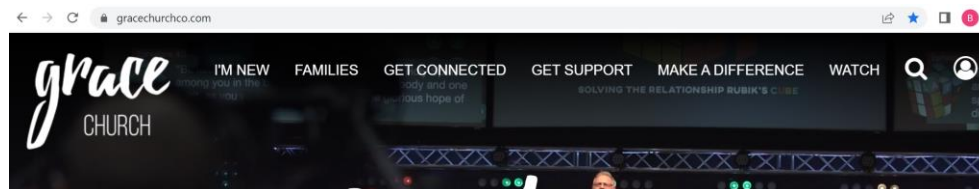
See the section “Group Studies” to see the many options for study choices for your group.

IN BETWEEN STUDIES

Take time to do communion and have a night of fellowship (games, dinner, watch a movie, whatever your group decides).

The Host in your group needs to take weekly attendance and send it to the Small Group team. You can do this in Grace Connect, or on the LEAD app. You can put prayer requests for the week into the attendance and send it to all of your group members. This is a decision you can make as a group.

Full instructions on using Grace Connect, including how to take attendance are found in the *Grace Connect Guide*.



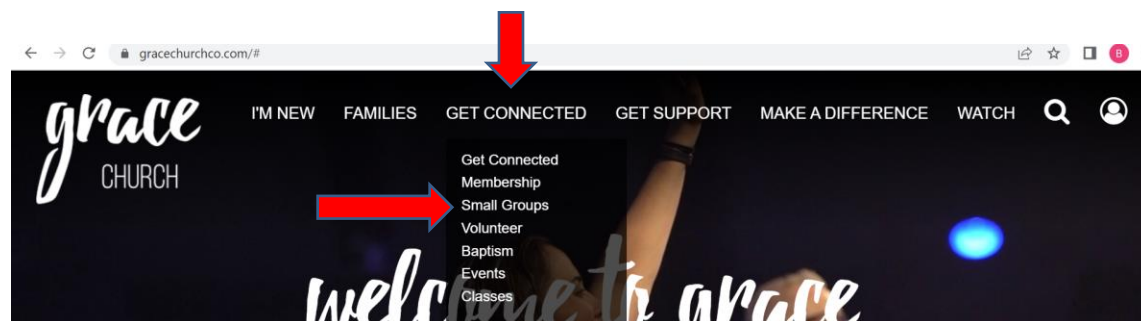
Access Grace Connect here.

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DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?

Most of your questions are already answered on the Grace Church website. There are also short training videos you can watch to help your group run more smoothly.

Go to GraceChurchCo.com, select “Get Connected”, then “Small Groups.” Cursor down to find the button “Small Group Resources.”



SMALL GROUP RESOURCES

If you still have questions, contact the Small Groups Team.

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