

# COMMUNITY GROUPS:

## WHAT TO DO WHEN YOUR GROUP GATHERS

### **01. FELLOWSHIP (10- 20 minutes)**

Spend the first 10-20 minutes catching up. Then proceed to a question from the icebreaker pack provided. These fun, interactive questions are designed to get the group talking and to help group members learn something new about each other!

### **02. DEDICATION PRAYER & FORMING SMALLER GROUPS (5 minutes)**

Take time to dedicate your gathering to the Lord and ask for the Holy Spirit to guide the group's conversations. After the dedication prayer, to make a larger group more intimate, form several smaller sub-groups. For coed groups, form smaller, same-gender groups of 3-4 members. For same gender groups, form smaller groups of 3-4.

### **03. SHARING OF HIGHS AND LOWS (10- 20 minutes)**

Have each person within the smaller sub-groups take 2-3 minutes to share his or her "high" and "low" of the week. This will help the group to understand the "frame of mind" of each member. Remember what each member shared when it comes to prayer time.

### **04. Sharing of H.E.A.R. JOURNALS and SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION (25-35 minutes)**

Have members share from one of their H.E.A.R. Journal entries, concentrate on the application and response of each entry. How a person applies and responds to God's Word is vital for spiritual growth. This is also the time for members to share any Scripture verses they memorized.

### **05. PRAYER (10-20 minutes)**

Finish your group time by having each person share something specific and personal that the group can pray for. In addition, remember to pray for the unchurched and out-of-church individuals that your group is interceding for and for God to raise up a leader within your group to start a new group down the road. Close your group time with prayer.

### **EVERY FOURTH MEETING: PLAN A HANGOUT NIGHT**

Every fourth gathering (or so), community groups plan a hangout night. These nights are simply a time when group members have a night of fellowship – playing a team sport, a having cookout, or a game night. The agenda for this night is to simply laugh, enjoy each other, and deepen group relationships. For more Hangout Night ideas, go to [fbcloganville.org/groups](http://fbcloganville.org/groups).

## COMMUNITY GROUP PRAYER JOURNAL:

In the space below, write down the prayer requests of your Community Group. Remember to pray for the unchurched and out-of-church individuals that your group is interceding for and for God to raise up a leader within your group to start a new group down the road. Consistently pray for each other's needs. When answered, celebrate as a group by praising the Lord!

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*“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.” Ephesians 6:18*