

LEADER FAQ

What if I don't know the answer to a question?

No one knows the answer to every question, so don't stress out about this. The best thing to do is to be honest with your group member if this situation arises. Make a commitment to research and come back with an answer. Also, remember 2 Timothy 3:16, "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."

How long should our group meet each week?

Most group meetings should last around 90 minutes and should not exceed two hours if possible. Feel free to use this type of format:

30 minutes for connecting/eating a meal

60 minutes for group discussion

30 minutes for prayer

What if someone is monopolizing the group discussion?

If you've been in a small group or led a Bible study before, chances are you've experienced a "talker" in your group. See the resource at the link below to navigate through this circumstance:

<https://westridge.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Community-Killers.pdf>

What if a group member is consistently late?

Your group member's time is important, and so is yours. It can feel frustrating when a group member is consistently late. It is important to set the expectation early that your group will be starting on time each week. If a group member is late several meetings in a row, take them aside to understand why. They may have personal issues that are attributing to the problem.

Scriptures to read and remember when considering how you are going to handle conflict: Proverbs 6:16-19, Proverbs 17:14, Proverbs 20:3, Matthew 5:23-24, 1 Peter 5:5-7, Ephesians 4:1-3, Proverbs 18:19.

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What should our group be studying?

Each week our groups staff will post discussion questions online that will allow your group to dive deeper into the weekly sermons. You can access these questions from the West Ridge App, or by going to westridge.com/questions. We also have a plethora of resources available on RightNow Media. Please contact our groups team for access and recommended studies.

How often should our group meet?

We believe consistency is important. The more you frequently you gather together the easier it will be for you to form lasting relationships. Most of our groups meet weekly throughout the semester. Consider meeting 3 weeks and taking the 4th week off each month.

How big is too big for a small group?

That seems like an oxymoron right? It is important to keep a *small* group small so that every participant can be shepherded and cared for well. We like to keep leader to group ratios around 1:6. If your group is larger than this, consider planting a new group very soon!

How do I plant a new group?

West Ridge Church is a sending church, and we want our groups to be sending groups. It is important for a group leader to identify an apprentice leader within the first semester of the group being together. Please see the following documents to learn more about planting a new group:

Why Replace Myself

<https://westridge.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Why-Replace-Myself.pdf>

How To Identify an Apprentice

<https://westridge.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Apprentice-Doc.pdf>