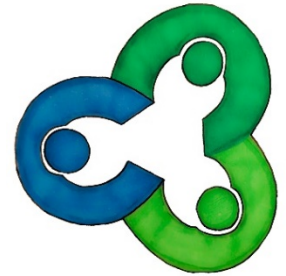


C3 Leader Notes/Agenda – 1st Meeting

Whoever serves, do so with the strength that God supplies, so that in everything God will be glorified through Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 4:11

Making the First Meeting Awesome

- Goals of Your First Meeting
 1. Rekindle relationships and welcome new members
 2. Share and connect with Get-to-know-you questions
 3. Clarify your group's direction / expectations / commitments using the covenant
 4. Pray for the building of relationships and spiritual growth of the group
- Resources
 1. Food! (Potluck/Dessert plans and assignment beforehand)
 2. C3 covenants – handouts for your group, **leaders guide for you**, and one for everyone to sign
 3. Sense of humor!
- **Contact Your Group Members Before the Meeting**
 1. Welcome each of your members to the group, make sure they know where the meeting will be held and the time, and assign food for the dinner/dessert



Essential Parts of Your Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome, mingle, and eat (30-40 minutes)
 - Greet people as they arrive
 - Make sure the house is not messy
2. Getting Started (5 minutes)
 - **Let people know the meeting will start in about 5 minutes**
 - Gather in a place where everyone can be seated and see each other
3. Sharing (15-20 minutes)
 - Refer to the Homework: Use some of the “get to know you” questions to break the ice
 - Give Sharing Guidelines: getting to know one another in a casual setting
4. **Going Over the Covenant – Set Expectations and Vision (15-20 minutes)**
 - Transition: Ask your group what things they think would make your group (focused on growing in truth and community) healthy and functional.
 - Pass out the covenant: *Let's talk about our expectations and vision for this C3 group.*
 - Use the Leaders Guide to go over the covenant: Presentation is critical here. Try to be lighthearted but stress that commitment is key to Christ Centered Community.
 - Pass the signature page around: Make sure people know they don't have to sign on week one if they are not comfortable.
5. Prayer (10-15 minutes)
 - Transition: As the covenant goes around the group, introduce topical prayer:
 1. Open to everyone participating (if they are comfortable – NO PRESSURE)
 2. Brief, one-topic-at-a-time prayers
 3. Pray as many times as you want
 - Ask someone to close the time dedicating your C3 group to God
6. Connect over Dessert
 - Try to talk to anyone that you didn't get a chance to during dinner
 - Ask people for feedback on the meeting or what they are looking forward to