

We know you.

Ice-Breaker: *Describe a time when you had a flat tire experience.*

Sharing Your Story: Share your story in roughly 5 minutes.

Telling your story in a group setting can be intimidating . . . especially if you've never done something like that before. Here is a simple format to follow as you tell your story to the rest of the group. If your group has done this before and everyone is aware of the origin of their families along with their current families we encourage you to dive deeper spending this time to focus on your spiritual journey. Practice vulnerability and authenticity about where you are currently at and where you desire to be in the future.

Spend **1-2 minutes** talking about each of the four aspects of your life: family of origin, current family, spiritual journey, and desired future.

- **Family of origin:** What was it like growing up in your family?
 - Bonus - Share a family **tradition** you had growing up.
- **Current Family:** What does your current family look like and what would be the current **theme** in your family?
 - Bonus - What is the most **relational/bonding** thing that your family does?
- **Spiritual Journey:** What has your spiritual journey looked like and where are you at presently?
 - Bonus - Describe a dynamic or life changing moment you have had with God?
- **Desired Future:** One year from now what would you like to see in your life?
 - Bonus - At the end of the night take a minute and pray out loud for this.

Read Out Loud: (Group Leader - This is a great time to ask a specific person to read out loud.)

Small groups are a great place to make a commitment for our spiritual journey. Our small group gives us the opportunity to live a life that resonates with God's truth, reflecting his values. As we make a commitment to focus on Jesus together we are making positive deposits into our lives. Our small group will become an authentic community, believing for God's best in each of our lives as we continue to grow spiritually.

What does God say about who we hang out with?

Proverbs 13:20 *He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm.*

- What do you think about this statement? **"Your friends influence the direction and quality of your life."**

Hebrews 3:12-13

Be careful then, dear brothers and sisters. Make sure that your own hearts are not evil and unbelieving, turning you away from the living God. You must warn each other every day, while it is still "today," so that none of you will be deceived by sin and hardened against God.

- **Honest Truth:** Are you committed to friends that direct you towards God?

Hebrews 10:22-25

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

- **Be Vulnerable:** Are you okay with the people in this group encouraging you to live out God's values in your life?

Closing Prayer:

As a group pray out loud in a circle starting with one person and proceeding around the circle to the right and then ending with the last person in the group.

- Pray that God would use this group to help you see the spiritual growth God has for you and the future you talked about earlier during your story.

Thanks: Thanks to everyone for coming to group.