

Planning for your group

Once you've been approved to launch a new group, below are a few things you'll want to think and pray through to help shape your group.

- Research the type of study you want to offer
 - Topical
 - Bible
 - Relational
 - Sermon Series
 - Financial
- Choose which Day/Night/Time your group will meet
- Decide first group meeting location
- Consider whether or not you will offer Child Care (Options: Yes, No, Open for Discussion)

Please note: Groups that offer Child Care tend to fill first! Even if you are unsure exactly how you would provide child care, it is helpful to list your group on the directory as 'Yes' or 'Open for Discussion', and invite the group to help decide the best way to handle child care, depending on the needs of the group. We have found that quite often a group member will have a regular sitter or teenager in the family that would love to make some extra cash. In other cases, the parents might rotate a week of watching the children, or perhaps the group decides together that the childcare is best resolved by each family individually at their own home. However it turns out, people appreciate being involved in the process of discovering a solution.

- Start praying for the people God wants to bring to your group! Time and time again leaders tell us what an amazing dynamic group God brought together!

Personally, Invite People to Your Group!

Even though you will likely receive messages of interest about your group through the I Am Phone Application, the best way to build a group has always been through personal invitation.

Pray and ask God to show you people to invite!