



1ST GROUP MEETING ITINERARY

1. **First 10-15 minutes:** Allow people to arrive, talk, and snack.
2. **Introductions:** Have everyone introduce themselves and share what they do, where they are from, how long they've been coming to Epic, etc.
3. **Icebreaker**
4. **Go over Group Expectations** (Group Promise Sheets)
5. **Go over your Group Details:**
 - **Topical Groups** - What book/study you'll be discussing, what reading you'll have each week, included in a syllabus for your group members.
 - **Social Groups** - What activities you'll be doing (and locations if applicable) included in a weekly syllabus for your group members.
 - **Outreach Groups** - What organizations you'll be partnering and serving with (and locations if applicable) included in a weekly syllabus for your group members.
6. ***Optional: If you would like to involve other group members** to be involved (and a great way to identify future group leaders) - you can give them the opportunity to help with:
 - **Snacks** - organizes a snack schedule for semester.
 - **Prayer Coordinator** - records & emails prayer requests out each week.
 - **Planner** - Could plan your end of semester party, plan
 - a serving opportunity, etc.
7. **Share Prayer Requests and Pray Together:** Do not ask someone to pray out loud unless they volunteer themselves. As the group leader, you need to lead the way with this.
 - **Christel's Tip:** If you have a lot of people in your group you can do the *index prayer card swap*. Have each person right their name on top of the card (and contact info if they are comfortable) and their prayer request on the card. Throw them all in a bowl and draw randomly. Everyone is prayed for specifically and intentionally, and those people who might not share out loud are included ☺ Encourage people to reach out to their prayer card person during the week.
8. **Talk & Eat!** Spend the remainder of your group time just getting to know each other