

How Do I Best Spend Group Time?

Plans help turn good intentions into actions. Being diligent to plan and prayerfully considering how the Spirit desires to move in your group will bear good fruit and help direct the members of your group to be intentional with their time and in their spheres of influence.

As you consider Christian community and create a plan for your Community Group, it is wise to consider the purpose of groups and align your plans accordingly during each gathering. Community Groups are intended to be a place for those new to Wellspring to “Belong” and those who are all in at Wellspring to “Go Beyond”. Belonging and going beyond are accomplished by integrating in the new person and encouraging the consistent attendees to invite and eventually plant their own group.

Though Community Groups have a common purpose, every group will develop its own culture and expression. Utilize the unique giftings and personalities of the group to let it take form. Within each culture and expression of groups, there are three expectations for every group meeting.

1. **Fellowship** – share life together. Talk and ask questions about family, work, hobbies, passions, backgrounds, and more.
2. **Spiritual Conversation** – take your interactions as a group beyond the matters of life to the matters of the soul. Discussion questions are provided from the sermons. Take time to work through a few questions, digging deeper into each one. Look back at the text from Sunday’s message and root application in the truth of Scripture.
3. **Prayer** – pray as a group and pray specifically for one another. Encourage one another and intercede on behalf of one another by lifting up praises, thanksgiving, lament, and requests to the Lord.

Every group meeting may not look the same, and that is great. Some nights may need to be given to prayer. Others might focus on time to break out as men and women for candid conversation. You may devote some nights completely to fellowship, sharing your lives with one another over a meal. Allow space, time, and flexibility for the Spirit to work.

Potential Group Structure

Fellowship | 60 minutes to share a meal and talk about life updates.

Spiritual Discussion | 30 minutes surrounding sermon questions.

Prayer | 15 minutes to share and 15 minutes to pray.