



Quick Start Guide

Starting your new Community Group is as easy as 1 - 2 - 3

1. Decide on a few details for your group

- When and where will your group meet?
 - Once there's a date on the calendar, people can start getting excited!
- Open or closed group?
 - We're not placing any restrictions on the status or size of your group. You will have the freedom to make that decision. However, if you decide to keep your group open, we will be putting your group information on our website for anyone who might be interested in joining.
- Type of group?
 - You can host an interest group, life stage group, location group, or general group.

2. Activate your new group online

- Head to lineage.us/community, click on "Start A Group" and register your group! You'll receive a confirmation email with resources on your next steps to begin building relationships and making memories!

3. Chat with us

- If you haven't already, you'll be hearing from someone on our Host Care Team. Need ideas? Hit a roadblock? Is something going on in your group you need help thinking through? They are here to offer personal assistance along the way, so be sure to get back to them to begin building a relationship that will inspire and encourage you in this new adventure.

Checklist for your CG

Before Gathering

- [] Assemble the squad! Invite others to join your group with the invite cards provided.
- [] Send 2 reminders with address and time: about 1 week out and 2 days prior.
- [] If any of your guests have kids, decide if there will be childcare, or if kids are welcome to join.
- [] Make sure the video works in the space where you'll be gathering.
- [] Prepare or purchase tasty treats.

Day of Gathering

- [] Make sure there are enough seats for everyone.
- [] Turn on some music. Create a fun and welcoming atmosphere.
- [] Set out name tags, markers, snacks, and drinks.

During the Gathering

Here's an idea for how you can break up your gathering. There are no requirements for time, but it's best to agree on a start and end time and stick to it. This is just a sample of what your meeting may look like. Remember to be flexible — every time you gather may look different! For your first week, you'll want to pass out the snack sign-up sheet.

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Arrival, Mingling, Snacks	15 minutes
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Welcome, Introduce Yourself + Pray	5 minutes
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Ice Breaker/Group Instructions	20 minutes
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Share Guidelines for the Group	10 minutes
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Video Discussion

35 minutes

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Prayer Requests + Prayer

5 minutes

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After the Gathering

- [] Let everyone know you had fun! Email the group to celebrate your first week and preview the next week's gathering.
- [] Help everyone feel at home. If anyone is new, reach out to them individually and offer to answer their questions.
- [] Follow up on any prayer requests.