

WHAT SHOULD OUR LIFEGROUP MEETING LOOK LIKE?

Here are some suggestions for structuring your time together:

- *Eat a Meal Together:* Much connection and great conversation happens around the table together. Build in time to break bread with one another getting to know each other, and connect over things that happened that week.
- *Business:* If you always take care of the business of the group (meals, upcoming socials, or serving opportunities) at the end of group, feel free to move it to the front of group sometimes. Shaking up the order of a meeting can breathe some life into it.
- *Prayer:* Praying for one another lets us know what is going on in each other's lives, and how we can pray throughout the week. Spend some time in prayer in the beginning or end of the group time. There may be one meeting where all you do is pray for one another, our church, our community, the nations, and those who are lost in our city. * *Often it's easier to talk about prayer rather than to actually pray. We encourage a balance of both.*
- *Lesson:* Each of our Northeast LifeGroups is encouraged to study the Sermon Based Study Guide. This is the easiest way to pull in the same direction as our church leaders and be sure we're not overloading anyone's plate with multiple topics/passages at the same time. There are good reasons and seasons to consider reading/studying something other than the Sermon Based Study Guide.

If you feel like your group would benefit from a different study there are two things we ask:

1. Do not plan a study which is longer than one semester. We want you to be aligned with the teaching and discussions going on at Northeast for a large portion of the year.
2. Discuss the material you'll use and your reason for choosing it with the Discipleship Pastor before beginning a study.

Connect LifeGroups decide on their study materials together with their ministry leader. What is being studied should be related to the season of development their LifeGroup is most notably growing in.

For more guidance on Seasons of Development and to see a list of suggested resources / disciplines of development visit NEBC.ch/PATHWAY